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LABOURER'S MORNING HYMN

I Thank my Lord for kindly rest
Afforded in the night;
Refresh'd, and with new vigour blest,
I wake to view the light.

Why need I grieve to earn my bread,
When Jesus did the same?
If in my Master's steps I tread,
No harm I get, or shame.

Oh, let me bless, with thankful mind,
My Saviour's love and care,
That I am neither sick nor blind,
Nor lame, as others are!

A trusty workmen I would be,
And well my task pursue;
Work when my master does not see,
And work with vigour too.

And whilst I ply the busy foot,
Or heave the labouring arm,
Do thou my withering strength recruit,
And guard me well from harm.

To sweeten labour, let my Lord
Look on, and cast a smile;
For Jesus can such looks afford
As will the hours beguile.

John Berridge

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

BIG THANKS

★ The Millennial Star is proud of its sub-editors who compile masses of British-based copy and get it to the editorial offices on time and in tidy order. Without them we would not be able to cope and this note is to mark your appreciation, as a reader, with ours to Sisters Gwen Cannon and Muriel Cuthbert. We have, we hope, dealt with the material they sent in over recent months, and which, because of major events had to be held over. We can still see a nice stack of interesting articles ready for future editions. Much material is about the Relief Society and its members and once again we appreciate just how active that branch of our church is. Our sub-editors both have their regular church duties to perform, but it is because of their efforts that we can now concentrate on providing you with reading matter that is educational, enjoyable and which furthers everyone's desire to be kept in touch with the thoughts of our church's senior members.

So to two charming and efficient "subs" goes this month's biggest thanks.

TO OUR PRINTERS

★ Thanks too, for our printers who have had no easy time of it of late. Strange faces, new methods and techniques and fresh pressures have created their own problems.

ACTIVITY PLUS

★ The month of August is flying through our diary as we pen this editorial round-up. Activity follows activity on the church's calendar and we only hope that we know about them all ready for our October issue. Remember that we do need good photographs and that last month's issue carried a powerful article on our exact requirements in that field.

The Worcester area is noted for its orchards and we readily welcome the recipes for apples this month. Now we know that other areas have equally fine dishes that can be topical for every time of the year. Can we hope that other culinary experts will send us their favourite dishes to delight us all?

EXAMPLES

★ It is strange for us to see the reaction of our gentile friends if they are called on by Elders. Inevitably they know of our background and call to talk over again the facts passed on by the Elders. Help all you can to endorse the teachings of the Christ and by the example of your way of life show that to be called to be a member of the church of Latter-day Saints is a very noble happening.

GENEALOGY

The genealogical tables scheduled for this issue have been held over to next month.

FOR THE TEACHERS

A. Theodore Tuttle of the First Council of the Seventy

★ Once upon a time, so the fable goes, there was a wise monarch who wanted to teach his subjects an important and vital lesson. He said: "Make me a man." They acquired the finest artist in the kingdom who painted the picture of a man on canvas. They took it to the king, but he was displeased and repeated: "Make me a man." They tried other media, sculpture in wood and stone, but to each the king said: "Make me a man." Finally they caught the vision of the king's instructions. They found a man, tattered, degraded. They bathed him, shaved him, dressed him, taught him, and presented him to the king. The king was pleased that they had learned this lesson and said these words: "Next to the God who creates is the individual who saves another."

Dedicated Work

You and I are engaged in and dedicated to the work of saving men's souls. I would like to say to the vast corps of teachers in the Church who are saving men's souls, that I hope instruction might improve in the Church. For if one teacher increases the level of his competence and ability, that class will improve; and if many teachers improve, all classes in the ward or branch will. And if each of us improves the instruction, the whole Church will grow in strength and power and will be blessed. Remember that no class can rise higher than its teacher.

I would like to lead all of us to the source of unfailing inspiration, the Lord Jesus Christ. In the Saviour's teachings, we find the finest methods used that are known today. We see His objective of changing man's behaviour clearly set forth. We find the Saviour being acclaimed an authority, because

He knew His subject, and likewise we find a knowledge of students put to use in a beautiful way.

Teachers, if you would improve your teaching, use and adapt illustrations and examples to fit the present knowledge and experience of your students. May I illustrate:

We find in the teachings of the Saviour such words as camels, sheep, salt, light, candles, fish, leaven, hens and chickens, lilies, sparrows, things that people knew about and with which they have had experience. He likened the abstract ideas of His teaching to these concrete things that people knew about. His new ideas were related to known facts.

Direct answers

Secondly, if you would become a better teacher, learn to answer questions the way the Saviour did. He gave direct answers, but equally as often He would ask another question of His hearers. You recall this instance: "Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? ...

"But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

"Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny.

"And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?

"They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." (Matt. 22:17-21.)

I would like to give another example which shows many things about teaching. You recall this instance: "And behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

"He said unto him [note the technique], What is written in the law? how readest thou?

"And he answering said, Thou shalt

love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

"And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

"But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

"And Jesus answering said: A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves ... " and then related the story of the Good Samaritan. (Luke 10:25 ff.)

Now, notice the teaching technique. Teachers, you who make up vast corps numbering more than 231,000, and others, for we are all teachers regardless of our position, whether it be president or other officer—notice what the Saviour said.

"... love thy neighbour as **thyself**." (Matt. 22:39.)

Universal

He might just as well have said, "Love thy neighbour as thy wife or husband or son or daughter or uncle or aunt," but he gave it **universal** application, when he said "thyself," for each man loves himself. Each man, however, does not have a wife, a son or a daughter, and thus would not have been included in the Master's teaching.

Here we find in the teachings of the Master, a blending of all of the techniques, methods, ideas, that will help us to be effective in teaching the Gospel and in achieving the lofty ideals that President McKay has outlined for us to achieve.

Thirdly, if you would be a better teacher, teach by the Spirit. You recall that in the Doctrine and Covenants, the Saviour said:

"And ye are to be taught from on high. Sanctify yourselves and ye shall

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THE DRIFT AND THE REMEDY

by

Elder Marion G. Romney

★ A few years ago, in the *Deseret News*, was a column in which Sydney J. Harris referred to an entry in the log of Peary when he was trying to reach the North Pole.

"On this trip, he travelled, a whole day [northward], ... At night, when he checked his bearings ..., he found to his surprise that he was much further South than he had been in the morning.

"All day ... he had been driving toward the North on an immense iceberg drawn southward by an ocean current.

"And sometimes," said the commentator, it occurs to me that we are all standing on this iceberg, racing forward in one direction, while the very ground beneath us moves implacably in the other direction.

"With tremendous speed and power, we are moving toward discoveries and inventions that utterly dwarf Peary's conquest of the North Pole. In medicine, in technology, in food supply, in materials and techniques and processes, we have made more progress in the last fifty years than was made in the previous five hundred.

"Yet, at the same time, the ground we are standing on steadily seems to move backward, drawn not by ocean currents, but by social currents too vast and deep for us to comprehend, much less to control.

Further South

"As we check our bearings ... at this point in history, we are more surprised and appalled than Peary to learn that we are 'farther South' than our fathers and grandfathers were.

"The first two-thirds of the 20th Century have witnessed a monumental regression from the hopes and aspirations of the 19th Century. For now, with all the new techniques at our disposal for mastering nature and controlling our own destinies, we appear

further than ever from our goals." (Sydney J. Harris, Deseret News, January 7, 1964.)

From the October 13, 1964, issue of the same paper, I clipped the following from Walter Lippmann.

"Nobody knows," he says, "just why our affluent society is filled with so much anxiety, or just why crime is increasing so alarmingly among the young, . . . These [and other conditions which he cites] are all matters which can be mentioned, but which cannot be debated seriously, because the wisest men among us are still searching for, but have not found, the answers."

Now, like the rest of the world, informed Latter-day Saints are fully aware that our civilisation is going forward backwards and that our affluent society is filled with much anxiety. But, unlike the rest of the world, we are not "still searching for . . . the answers." We know what they are. The Almighty himself has revealed them. He has made known the cause of the downward drift, and he has revealed them. He had made known the cause of the downward drift, and he has revealed the one and only remedy therefor. We not only know these things; but, as already said, we are under a divine charge to declare them to the world.

Course of man

And so, pursuant to this charge, we do declare that more than a century ago God our Eternal Father, knowing where the course of men was leading, opened the heavens and gave warning. He not only confirmed the drift; he pointed out the reason for it. He revealed also the remedy for it. He further predicted the awful consequences of a failure to follow that remedy. And finally, he gave assurance

that righteousness, peace, and happiness will ultimately prevail among the inhabitants of the earth.

First, as to the downward drift: On the night of September 21, 1823, an angel, who introduced himself as "a messenger sent from the presence of God," appeared at the bedside of Joseph Smith, Jun., and informed him " . . . of great judgments which were coming upon the earth, with great desolations by famine, sword, and pestilence; and that these grievous judgments would come on the earth in this generation. . . ." (Joseph Smith 2:33, 45.)

Terminate in death

On Christmas day 1832 about thirty years before the Civil War broke out, the Lord said to the Prophet:

"Verily, thus saith the Lord concerning the wars that will shortly come to pass, beginning at the rebellion of South Carolina, which will eventually terminate in the death and misery of many souls;

"And the time will come that war will be poured out upon all nations, . . .

"And thus, with the sword and by bloodshed the inhabitants of the earth shall mourn; and with famine, and plague, and earthquake, and the thunder of heaven, and the fierce and vivid lightning also, shall the inhabitants of the earth be made to feel the wrath, and indignation, and chastening hand of an Almighty God, until the consumption decreed hath made a full end of all nations;" (D. & C. 87:1-2, 6.)

That the Lord's purpose in revealing these unhappy impending calamities was not to condemn but to save mankind is evidenced by the fact that with the warning he identified the cause

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and revealed the means by which the calamities may be turned aside.

As to their cause, he said, speaking of the inhabitants of the earth, "... they have strayed from mine ordinances, and have broken mine everlasting covenant;

"They seek not the Lord to establish his righteousness, but every man walketh in his own way, and after the image of his own God, whose image is in the likeness of the world, ... " (Ibid., 1:15-16.)

We are, then, going forward backwards, and our affluent society is filled with much anxiety because the inhabitants of the world "... seek not the Lord to establish his righteousness, but every man walketh in his own way, and after the image of his own God, ... " (Ibid 1:16.) I ask you candidly, how could current attributes of men and nations throughout the world be more accurately described?

Own wisdom

To me the foregoing statements clearly reveal the fact that if men do not humble themselves and cease relying solely upon their own wisdom, if they do not turn and seek the Lord to establish his righteousness, they will implement the "decreed ... end of all nations." (Ibid., 87:6.)

As to the way to avoid the calamities, the Lord, in his preface to the publication of a compilation of some of the revelations which he gave during the restoration, said:

"Wherefore, I the Lord, knowing the calamity which should come upon the

inhabitants of the earth, called upon my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., and spake unto him from heaven, and gave him commandments;

"And also gave commandments to others, that they should proclaim these things unto the world; and all this. ...

"... that man should not counsel his fellow man [that is, rely upon his own judgment], neither trust in the arm of flesh—

"But that every man might speak in the name of God the Lord, even the Saviour of the world;

"That faith also might increase in the earth;

"That mine everlasting covenant might be established [that from which the world had strayed];

"That the fulness of my gospel might be proclaimed by the weak and the simple unto the ends of the world, and before kings and rulers." (Ibid., 1:17-23.)

Pure and simple

The commandments referred to in these scriptures, which were given to the Prophet Joseph Smith and which others were commanded to declare to the world, collectively embrace the pure and simple gospel of Jesus Christ, which gospel is the remedy to the problems of our times. Because it now is, and has always been, the only plan by which men can live in righteousness, peace, and happiness in the earth, the Lord has from the beginning repeatedly revealed it. He revealed it to Adam. Thereafter he revealed it to Enoch, to Noah, the Jaredites, Abraham, Moses, and the prophets, and to the Nephites. Jesus himself personally taught it in the Meridian of Time, both in the land of Jerusalem and in America. It contains the ordinances from which the Lord said the inhabitants of the earth had strayed. It is the "everlasting

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Athirst in the

desert

★ It was on the 26th of July, 1889, that I started very early into the desert south of the Gila River, on a trip of discovery.

I had reached the mountains early in the day, and attempted to cross a low rocky ridge to look at a little valley beyond, but after several hours of very arduous labour was unable to do so, and had to return the way I had come, over its rocky precipitous summit. I could have done it alone, but could not lead my horse over it, though I nearly exhausted myself in my struggles with him in trying to accomplish it. By the time I had regained the foot of the ridge it was well towards night, and I found myself in sad need of water. I had perspired freely, and had not thought of any danger from thirst, and so had not observed my usual prudence. But by a thoughtless, happy chance I had plucked five or six cactus fruits, each about the size of a hen's egg and put them in my pocket. They did much to preserve my life, as I found afterwards.

Sorely disappointed

There had been a heavy rain in the mountains a few days before, and I sought along the bed of an arroyo—or dry gulch—hoping to find a little pool somewhere still remaining, but in this I was sorely disappointed. The arroyo, though damp and muddy, contained no water. I dismounted and dug as deep a hole as I could with my hands and a flat stone, hoping some water would trickle in—no matter how

muddy—but none appeared. I knew now my only chance was to get home as quickly as possible, and proceeded as fast as my poor horse, jaded, and as thirsty as I, was able to travel.

All this time the sun shone with a scorching heat, but, still worse, about eight o'clock the dreaded simoon had come, and had continued all day burning my face and hands and causing the skin to dry and crack open.

Hasten homeward

I had gone about five miles and began to feel very faint and dizzy, and hardly able to keep my seat in the saddle. Coming to a large palo verde tree I lay down in its scanty shade hoping to regain my strength, but after lying thus a full hour and finding myself weaker instead of stronger I knew I must hasten homeward or be too late. With some difficulty I climbed into the saddle and started on again, and painfully rode five or six miles farther. Then I felt as if I must stop and rest, or fall from my horse by the wayside. Again I laid down upon the hot sand, beneath a palo verde, and then bethought me of my cactus fruit. I ate one or two, but felt almost unable to swallow and so desisted from

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trying to eat them. Here I lay about two hours, vainly hoping for an increase of strength, but growing weaker all the time. I knew now my full danger and thought of my poor horse tied up and perishing, and that I would let him go and shift for himself, thinking that if I remained out all night—the cool night—I might be revived enough by morning to make my way home. But on second thought I gave up this idea. I knew the horse would go home, and the people, finding him riderless, might hunt for me all night without avail, with much labour and anxiety for nothing.

Quite pleasant

Several times I tried to rise, but was too weak, and soon began to feel as if I did not care to exert myself. I felt now comfortable enough, with no distressing sense of thirst, and lay in a hazy, misty, dreamy state impossible to describe, but quite pleasant. I sleepily wondered if any body would ever find me, and thought how my family would wait years, perhaps, before they would know what had become of me.

Suddenly another memory came to me—of blessings and ordinations I had received, of promises made and of work I should do, as yet all unfulfilled; and with these thoughts came a vehement desire to live and have this work performed and my blessings verified. I tried to rise, but could not. Then another remembrance came, of the power of faith and prayer. I prayed for strength to ride and mount my horse — for strength to rise until I should reach home. My prayer was

answered, and I received strength sufficient to rise and stand by my horse, holding with both hands to the saddle, but could not mount. But my faith was strengthened, and I again asked for help. It was immediately granted, and I slowly climbed into the saddle, determined to remain there until I should fall or reach a place of safety.

And so, with the bridle hanging loose upon my horse's neck and with both hands holding to the saddle, I let my horse pick his way among the mesquite and palo verde trees, the chaparral brush and cactus, offering up now and again, petitions for life and strength. For now, with renewed strength came renewed desire for life. But oh, how long and endless seemed each weary mile, and many times it seemed as if I must give up; but after what seemed an age I saw the tall cottonwoods which I knew betokened help and safety—but so far—so very far away! Four miles! I knew the distance, but could I endure so long as an hour and a half to reach it?

The welcome sight gave me new strength and courage, and ability to ride to my journey' end, where, partly dismounting, partly falling, I found myself in friendly hands. In a few days I was all right again, and then began a storm of friendly abuse and chaff for my misadventure — my foolhardiness in going out without water. But I learned some good things by the experience among them being that the Lord is very merciful and will hear our cry when we ask Him in faith; and that since faith was so necessary, we should strive diligently to obtain it, for no one can tell when it may be needful to happiness and life. And so, I think it was not a day lost after all.

—J. H. Martineau,
"Athirst in the Desert,"
The Contributor,
Vol. 12, pp. 156-158.

THE PROOF OF TRUTH

by Bishop Robert L. Simpson

★ May I, first of all share a great experience that I had at the age of eight years. This was a great experience of learning and taught me a lesson that I shall never forget.

I remember the thrill of being taught simple division. Three goes into fifteen five times. It seemed almost like a miracle as the teacher further taught us that all we had to do was multiply the answer by the divisor, and we would have the number that we started with. She said that by following this simple plan and procedure we could check any division problem and make certain that the answer was right.

A few days later we had our first test in simple division. I shall never forget turning to my school chum and announcing, "I got an 'A'." He said, "How do you know? We haven't even graded the papers."

"I know I have an 'A' because I checked every answer. I multiplied the answer by the divisor, and I was certain that it was exactly the same number we started with. I know I got an 'A'."

And sure enough it was an "A"

because I was standing on solid rock. There was no doubt in my mind. I was dealing with an exact science, and for the first time in my life I felt really secure in something that I had been taught in school. This was an exact science, and I was able to prove my answer beyond question.

Now in the world today, I think if there were one common wish among all mankind, that wish would be for peace—peace in the world; peace in each nation; peace in the community; even a feeling of peace in each home; and perhaps most important of all, peace of mind.

Our day will probably go down in history as the day of psychiatry, psychology, and tranquilisers. Now, I don't mean to suggest that there is no place for the professionally trained to treat the mentally disturbed or for the prescribing of proper medicine for the overwrought, but I do believe with all my heart and soul that most of these anxieties found in the hearts and minds of men today can be eliminated

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by a return to faith in God and the resultant desire to obey his commandments.

To me, and I am sure to you, God's plan is like a superhighway. This superhighway is built on solid rock; it is built well above the fog-shrouded valleys; and it is built well above the swamps of infidelity, selfishness, and immorality. The Lord himself has said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12.)

Heavenly Father has also said that there are laws irrevocably decreed in the heavens upon which all blessings are predicated. (See D. & C. 130:20-21.) If we keep the law, we reap happiness. If we violate the law or ignore the law, we have problems, and we have unhappiness. It is just as simple as that.

Undeviating laws

And so, as we think back to my third grade experience, how much the same are God's laws. His laws are also undeviating, certain, proven, and all we need do is keep his laws, and we will be happy, we will be successful, and we will regain his presence.

With you, I invite all men, all women, all children, all people everywhere to join in God's plan. Let's consider his law of health, for example. Why have all the upset that we have in the world

through lack of health, when all we need do is follow God's plan as revealed in this day, and then we will most likely have the peace of mind of a strong, healthy body.

With you, I would share with the world the great truth that all we have to do is give back to Heavenly Father one-tenth of our increase, and again we have peace of mind, as we help to build his kingdom unselfishly.

With you, I would give to the world the great truth that we must have love and unity in our homes, and here again we can achieve a peace of mind unattainable in any other way.

The same thing can be said about the principle of prayer. As we communicate with our Heavenly Father, let him know that we love him and that we intend to keep his commandments to the very best of our ability.

Eternal truths

Yes, there are eternal truths. Two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen is water. It was so when Heavenly Father was creating the earth. It is so today, and it will be so forever. This is an eternal truth of chemistry. It has always been and always will be the formula to find the area of a circle. One hundred and eighty-six thousand miles per second has been and always will be the speed of light. Einstein has given us in our day that E is equal to MC^2 , the theory of relativity.

As we quote these basic truths, they are simple. They are not complicated. All basic truth seems to be simple. It is only when we go beyond the realm of truth that we become complicated, that we become mixed up in our minds and our emotions.

Strengthen the Children

★ Some months ago, Sister Brown and I visited with our son and his wife, a new mother. As we visited with our daughter-in-law and held this wonderful bundle of humanity, which had just left the presence of our Heavenly Father, I marvelled at the expression of a new mother's love for her first-born. I thrilled at the excitement, the joy, and the wonderment expressed by this lovely mother at having brought into this world one of the choice spirits of our Heavenly Father. I thought how wonderful it would be if she could remember all of her life that she has been entrusted with a child of God.

Mother love

On another evening we called at our other son's home. Not too many weeks ago, this daughter-in-law presented us with our second granddaughter. This lovely little girl has been with us just long enough to turn over in bed and to hold her head up when held in our arms. As I listened to the gurgling laugh and witnessed her smile, my heart was filled. She is happy because her mother loves her. She knows her mother loves her. She doesn't know because she has been told; she knows because of the way her mother holds her, the way she talks and sings to her,

and the way she lets her soul commune with the soul of her daughter. I couldn't help thinking what a wonderful thing it would be for both of these young mothers if they would always remember where these children came from. I think they will, because they love them.

It is a very dangerous thing for a father-in-law to instruct his daughters-in-law in the rearing of their children. I have never ventured into this field, and I suppose this will be the last time. Nevertheless, I would like to make one or two suggestions.

Love can be misunderstood. Some-

by

Bishop Victor L. Brown

times love becomes possessive, sometimes selfish. Of course, neither is true love. True love is always unselfish.

One particular story of a mother who loved her daughter came to my attention. She loved her very dearly. Her daughter wasn't very popular. She didn't have many friends. She was a senior in high school, and her mother was hurt because she was not popular. In her desire for her daughter's popularity and in her concern—and I suppose to her way of thinking, in her love for her daughter — she decided that, having been at home all her young life, perhaps the apron strings had been a little too tight, so they must be untied. Consequently, this good mother came to the city to arrange for her daughter to be enrolled at the university. She found an apartment near the school and rented it. It was a little too large and a little too expensive, but nothing would be too good if it would make her daughter popular. Then the

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mother went to the school officials and asked for the names of the three most popular girls at the university. The only qualifications they needed were that they must be the most popular girls at school, and they must have enough money to help pay the rent. She found them. They agreed to move in with her daughter. Then this mother returned home, happy in the knowledge that finally she had done all that was necessary for her lovely, sweet, young daughter to become popular. When the reports started to come to her that this sweet, young, Latter-day Saint girl had begun to use tobacco, she couldn't believe it. When the reports included liquor, it was inconceivable. Why, her daughter had been taught the Word of Wisdom all her life. And when she became involved with the law, it almost broke her mother's heart. When she lost her virtue, it did break her mother's heart.

Honest and faithful

Mothers, is your love well placed? To you, my daughters-in-law, as you rear my new grandson and my newest granddaughter, I hope you will teach them to be honest and truthful. You cannot teach them to be truthful unless you are truthful. A national Scout executive once made the comment that one of the greatest problems Scout leaders have is trying to teach Boy Scouts to be honest when their parents are dishonest.

Let me just share with you a story of a young boy whose Mexican mother taught him to be honest.

"Today I saw truth. For a moment

I lived and breathed in the great presence of truth and felt its sweetness plunge deep into my soul.

"I am a coach in a junior high school. I work with 500 boys each day. This has been my occupation for over 20 years. I enjoy it.

"Traditionally, I am supposed to be rugged, tough, crusty; yes, even a little severe at times—and yet, underneath this exterior, feeling and understanding must exist if the job is to be done.

"Today was test day in climbing the rope. We climb from a standing start to a point 15 feet high. One of my tasks these past few weeks has been to train and teach the boys to negotiate this distance in as few seconds as possible.

Record breaking

"The school record for the event is 2.1 seconds. It has stood for three years. Today this record was broken. But this is not my story. How this record was broken is the important thing here, as it so often is in many an endeavour in this life.

"For three years Bobby Polacio, a 14½-year-old ninth grade Mexican boy, has trained and pointed and, I suspect, dreamed of breaking this record. It has been his consuming passion; it seemed his whole life depended upon owning this record.

"In his first of three attempts, Bobby climbed the rope in 2.1 seconds, tying the record. On the second try the watch stopped at 2.0 seconds flat, a record! But as he descended the rope and the entire class gathered around to check the watch, I knew I must ask Bobby a question. There was a slight doubt in my mind whether or not the board at the 15 foot height had been touched. If he missed, it was so very, very close—not more than a fraction of

an inch — and only Bobby knew this answer.

"As he walked toward me, expressionless, I said, 'Bobby, did you touch?' If he had said, 'Yes,' the record he had dreamed of since he was a skinny seventh-grader and had worked for almost daily would be his, and he knew I would trust his word.

"With the class already cheering him for his performance, the slim, brown-skinned boy shook his head negatively. And in his simple gesture, I witnessed a moment of greatness.

"Coaches do not cry. Only babies cry, they say. But as I reached out to pat this boy on the shoulder, there was a small drop of water in each eye. And it was with effort through a tight throat that I told the class: 'This boy has not set a record in the rope climb. No, he has set a much finer record for you and everyone to strive for. He has told the simple truth.'

Record break

"I turned to Bobby and said, 'Bobby, I'm proud of you. You've just set a record many athletes never attain. Now, in your last try I want you to jump a few inches higher on the take-

off. You're going to break this record.'

"After the other boys had finished their next turns, and Bobby came up to the rope for his try, a strange stillness came over the gymnasium. Fifty boys and one coach were breathlessly set to help boost Bobby Polacio to a new record. He climbed the rope in 1.9 seconds! A school record, a city record, and perhaps close to a national record for a junior high school boy.

"When the bell rang and I walked away, now misty-eyed, from this group of boys, I was thinking: 'Bobby, little brown skin, with your clear, bright, dark eyes and your straight trim, lithe body—Bobby, at 14 you are a better man than I. Thank you for climbing so very, very high today.'" (Permission granted, Boy's Life.)

To my wonderful daughters-in-law, I would encourage you to teach this daughter and this new son to be truthful, to be honest. I would counsel you to have home evening right from this day forward, even though these small children cannot understand anything that is said. They will feel the atmosphere. They will understand, and as they grow up, someday they will bless your names for having taught them the gospel in your homes.

GAMBLING

★ ... I warn all of you against gambling. Gambling is not a fair exchange of values, and it breeds a deadly disease which not only jeopardises business careers, but also brings to its victims, their innocent families and others, disgrace and stigma from which frequently they never recover. I wish I had the time to tell you of specific cases which have come under my observation which I could hope might be a deterrent against any of you ever indulging in this treacherous practice. Stealing, divorce, family disgrace, and even suicide are not uncommonly the final results of betting and putting the first nickel in the slot machine. Avoid it as you would a plague.

—Stephen L. Richards

THE SPIRIT OF ELIJAH

by

ELDRED G. SMITH

Partriarch to the Church

★ In the beginning of this dispensation, on September 21, 1823, Moroni appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith. In that visit he quoted the prophecies of Malachi:

"For behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly shall burn as stubble; for they that come shall burn them, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. . . .

" . . . Behold, I will reveal unto you the Priesthood, by the hand of Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. . . .

" . . . And he shall plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers. If it were not so, the whole earth would be utterly wasted at his coming." (Joseph Smith 2:37-39.)

Thus renewing this ancient promise which even the Jews at the time of Christ were looking forward to receive, this promise was fulfilled 131 years ago on April 3, 1836. Following a Sacrament service in the Kirtland Temple, Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery retired behind the veil of the temple and after fervent prayer, there appeared to them the Lord Jesus

Christ who accepted the Kirtland Temple and gave his approval. This temple had just previously been dedicated. (March 27, 1836.) Moses appeared and gave unto them the keys of the gathering of Israel. Elijah the prophet appeared to them and bestowed upon them the keys of the sealing power of the priesthood.

Revelation Key

The Prophet Joseph Smith said this about the mission of Elijah:

"The spirit, power and calling of Elijah is, that ye have power to hold the key of the revelations, ordinances, oracles, powers and endowments of the fulness of the Melchizedek Priesthood and of the kingdom of God on the earth; and to receive, obtain, and perform all the ordinances belonging to the kingdom of God, even unto the turning of the hearts of the fathers unto the children, and the hearts of the children unto the fathers, even of those who are in heaven." (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, 37.)

Again the Prophet Joseph Smith said:

"What is this office and work of Elijah? It is one of the greatest and most important subjects that God has revealed. He should send Elijah to seal the children to the fathers, and the fathers to the children." (Idem.)

The mission of Elijah is to restore to earth the power, that whatsoever is sealed on earth will be sealed in heaven. This sealing power is not alone for the dead. The dead cannot receive these blessings unless there are those who have performed these same sealing ordinances for themselves, first—that is, a wife to a husband and children to parents.

Without the coming of Elijah there would be no need for temples, there would be no sealing in marriage for time and eternity, no sealing of children to parents, no need for genealogy.

There would be no sealing for the living or the dead. This is not for the dead alone, it is for the living first.

Other testimonies

I testify that Elijah did come, and others have testified also, and we have heard other testimonies in this conference. In addition to the testimony of Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, and others currently, we have factual evidence that Elijah came. One year after Elijah's coming, in 1837, laws were passed in Great Britain compelling the preservation of duplicate records of the dead. In the 400 years preceeding the coming of Elijah, there were catalogued by Mr. T. B. Thompson 192 British family histories. In just one hundred years after the coming of Elijah in 1836, there were 1,879 British family histories published.

This is our responsibility, to make sure that our genealogy is gathered. I see the effects of this spirit of Elijah becoming stronger all the time. Often it is just one member of the family who joins the Church. I have many husbands and wives come to me, each one being the only member of the Church in his immediate family. I believe the Lord deliberately designates and sends a valiant spirit into a special family in a special location, even in far-off missions, for the explicit purpose of having a spirit who will accept of the gospel of Jesus Christ, hear the voice when it comes to him, and recognise it as true. Then, after becoming a member of the Church, he will gather the records that the promises to the fathers may be fulfilled.

Special mission

Many people who join the Church are the only ones in their family in the Church and are especially assigned and their special mission is to gather their genealogy and perform the seal-

ing blessings that the fathers may receive the blessings promised in the promise of Elijah. I am reminded of a Japanese boy, a convert to the Church here in the States, who, in fulfilling his obligation in the military service, was taken to Japan. During his leaves of absence, on his furloughs, he went to Hiroshima where he found relatives who were more than willing to give him records of his genealogy, pictures of family members, and records. Some were insulted to think that they had not been thought of sooner, and they are continuing to send records to him. He unrolled on the floor of my office a pedigree chart he had made up which stretched clear across the room and was still not all unrolled—one member of a family bringing the blessings to the fathers, which is the promise of Elijah. This is typical of many families.

Do not leave this for others to do. Each has his own responsibility. Are you back in the horse and buggy days, in the days of the old family Bible where you just gather your own posterity records? Or, are you gathering together pedigree charts wherein for each couple on the pedigree chart you have a family record sheet? Most of you are familiar with these sheets. And if you are, you will soon have a book built up of those loose sheets as thick as this old family Bible with just genealogy, instead of just one or two sheets in the middle of a book.

I believe it was worth all of the efforts, and the costs, and the sacrifices, to build the Kirtland Temple, just to have a place where the keys could be restored, if for no other reason, if we avail ourselves of these blessings.

The temples are here and the records are here for us to use. Put them to use that they may be of value to us and that we may receive the blessings and that our ancestors too may receive these grand and glorious sealing blessings for all eternity.

The substance of our hopes

★ "Faith gives substance to our hopes . . ." (Hebrews 11:1)

Moroni informs us (ch. 8 v. 41) that we may only attain faith by hoping, through "the atonement of Christ and the power of his resurrection, to be raised unto life eternal, and this because of your faith in him . . ." If faith is going to substantiate these hopes, they will become realities to us, and hence our faith should "make us certain" of these realities which we do not see." What is the importance of these hopes, and how can they become realities to us?

Purpose for man

The Lord told Moses (Moses 1:32) that he had two distinct purposes for man. The first was a free gift which he offered to all men, immortality: Lehi (II Nephi 2:36) explains that men are redeemed from the fall, and hence from the bonds of physical death, by the sacrifice of the Messiah. The second gift he offered only to those who have a "broken heart and a contrite spirit," eternal life, the recipients of which are redeemed from the bonds of spiritual death, again by the sacrifice of the Messiah. Alma (in chapter 42) explains that although God is merciful, he would not be God if he were not just, and that the demands of justice are met by the Redeemer's atoning sacrifice on conditions of repentance." Similarly Paul explains (I Corinth. 15) that our resurrection is made possible by the precedent of Christ's resurrection. Paul likens the atoning sacrifice (Hebrews 9:15-17) to a probate will which only takes effect after the testator has died. The Lord adds (D. & C. 18:12) that the resurrection is also a prerequisite to effectual atonement. And so our whole hope centres on Christ: Christ sacrificed and Christ resurrected. Jesus himself

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said that the best way for a man to show his love for another man was to die for him (John 15:13). A tremendous relationship of friendship and brotherhood should therefore become apparent between the Saviour and man.

The Greek word translated by 'faith' in the New Testament is 'PISTIS', a word which implies not passive belief, but active devotion to a cause, complete trust in another, and complete trustworthiness on ones own part. When once we realise the power of the atonement, our faith can change from a mere 'experiment upon words' (Alma 32) to this kind of devotion, through which Alma was able to ask the Lord (Alma 2:30) to spare his life, not for selfish motives, but so that he, Alma, could continue his work for the Lord. Alma preached that true faith was accompanied by a change of heart (Alma 5:12) which he defined as humbling oneself and putting ones trust in the true and living God. i.e., man must have a feeling, or deep conviction, of complete security in the service of the Lord. He continues (verse 14), "I ask of you, my brethern, have you spiritually been born of God? Have ye received his image in* your countenances?" The next stage in faith, then, is a complete self-identification with the cause of the Saviour, such a complete acceptance of the fact that his sacrifice and resurrection are the supremely important events of history, that it will, as it were, shine forth from ones face and (it follows) influence others. The devotion of oneself to his work must be complete; there

may be no holding back, no apprehensions. Read in the following verses the vision of eternity to be acquired thereby.

It now remains to consider to what end such advanced faith can lead us. When the Jaredites reached the shore of the ocean and built ships in which to cross to the promised land, the faith of the brother of Jared was such that he pleaded with the Lord, and saw the finger of the Lord touch sixteen stones which henceforth gave out light for their journey. When he had borne testimony to the Lord of his complete trust in Him, this man, of whom the Lord had said, "Never has man come before me with such exceeding faith as thou hast," (Ether 3:9), saw the spiritual body of Jesus Christ (read the account in Ether 3), upon which Moroni comments (verse 19) "And because of the knowledge of this man, he could not be kept from beholding within the veil; and he saw the finger of Jesus Christ, which, when he saw, he fell with fear, for he knew that it was the finger of the Lord; and he had faith no longer, for he knew, nothing doubting." Notice that he **could not** be kept from beholding; faith had reached a point of near-knowledge, and at that stage it became real knowledge. The Lord promised (Ether 4:7) that such an experience was not outside of our capabilities, but yet few progress to this point of faith; as our faith becomes knowledge, our responsibility for our actions increases (Alma 32:19), but so does our knowledge of that special relationship between ourselves and our Redeemer.

Please read II Nephi 31:19-20, and do indeed "feast upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end" (remembering that 'to feast on' implies that we are enjoying the banquet before us). If we do so, we shall, according to the Lord's promise, have eternal life. So shall our faith become knowledge, and our hopes realities.

THE REALITIES WE DO NOT SEE

★ . . . "And what is faith? Faith gives substance to our hopes, and makes us certain of realities we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1 New English Translation).

One of the reasons preferred for the rejection of Christianity by the modern world, is that Christians are expected to believe in an invisible and unknowable God, and, more important, are condemned for their refusal to do so. Compare this misguided attitude with the realism implicit in this quotation of Paul: the substance of our hopes and the realities we do not see are not, one feels, concepts remote from our experience, but ideals which lie just beyond our grasp, ready to be reached for and attained. How then do we attain?

Man cannot perceive God or the infinite atonement of Christ by his five senses; but did not Jesus, at the last supper, promise a more reliable source of knowledge? "When He, the spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into **all** truth." (John 16:13). Jesus also tells us that this spirit is a gift. But more than this, he demands a conscious, positive attitude from us, explaining (III Nephi 19:32) that this gift is predicated upon belief, and that the only evidence of belief acceptable to the Father is the **prayer** of the believer. Moroni (in chapter 2) further qualifies this by specifying the type of prayer required: "Ye shall call on the father in my name, in **mighty** prayer." Only if we fulfill this requirement will the Holy Spirit bear testimony of the truth to us. But which of our faculties are capable of receiving his promptings? When Moses had seen God, and God had withdrawn from His presence, Moses explained (Moses 1:9-11) that he had seen God with his spiritual eyes, for, had he seen him with his natural eyes, he would have died, unable to behold the glory of God. In the same way, we

may receive the promptings of the spirit through our spiritual faculties, and these faculties must therefore, as a prerequisite to inspiration, be activated. If we succeed in activating our spiritual faculties, we are promised (Alma 18:35) that the Spirit will give us knowledge and also "Power according to my faith and desires which are in God", which is later expanded (in Alma 26:22) into the knowledge of the mysteries of God, and the power to bring thousands of souls to repentance. The chief activators of our spiritual faculties are, as we have discovered, mighty prayer and faith. Faith may give us the key of understanding, and it can give us assurance too of the concepts we obtain thereby.

Paul confirms (Eph. 2:8) that faith is a gift from God; hence it follows that our whole understanding of God's purpose rests upon God's grace to us. As a boy, the son of a righteous father, Enos, like many of us, had his doubts about various concepts of the gospel. One cannot do better than read his thrilling account of how he obtained his testimony of God's purposes. Immediately one point strikes home: Enos wrestled before God", he "cried unto his maker in mighty supplication for his own soul", he "prayed unto the Lord with many long strugglings", and his original prayer lasted for over 24 hours (verse 4): Enos did not find his supplication easy; on the contrary, he underwent a supreme test of endurance. As a result, God's voice came to him, and revealed to him the plan of salvation. Then follows a real test of faith: as soon as Enos had his own faith consolidated, his immediate concern was for his neighbours, the Lamanites. Similarly, a stalwart test of our own faith is the healthy concern we show for the faith of others.

At last then the seed of faith is planted (to use Alma's metaphor, chapter 32). In Alma's account of the

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growth of faith, there are two explicit stages: (1) the implantation of the seed and its initial growth (verse 28) brought about by an "arousing of the faculties" (notice the terminology) and "an experiment upon my words", and (2) the strengthening of the sprouting seed by ensuring the stability of the roots (verse 37)—which is surely a metaphorical way of emphasizing the importance of forming into good habits ones successful experiments in faith? Many never even make the experiment. While the children of Israel were in the

wilderness, the Lord sent (Numbers 21) a plague of fiery serpents upon his children which bit and killed many of them. When the Israelites repented of their sins, Moses fashioned a bronze serpent and put it upon a pole, and it was the Lord's promise that whoever was bitten by a serpent and would look upon the brazen image would yet live. Sadly Nephi tells us (1 Nephi 17:41) that many would not exercise that particle of faith, because of the simplicity of the commandment, and those people died.

When we have reached this stage of faith, that of an successful experiment, we are ready to embark upon the next adventure in faith, that of coming to a personal knowledge of our Redeemer.

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MY LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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Branch was reorganised in 1947, I was called to serve as Relief Society President, and this coupled with Primary work began to increase my knowledge of people and of life and its purposes. Now as a Relief Society President, I am learning to understand and love my brothers and sisters and their problems.

Looking Back

I realise as I look back, that I owe all this to my mother who recognised the truth and encouraged me to accept

and to hold fast. I also appreciate a young women who lived the Gospel so completely that it radiated from her face and lit a spark in my mother's heart so that she embraced this great Gospel. I love it. I love the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is true. I pray continually that I may live to serve my sisters and brothers in love and humility and wisdom, so that I can help them to hold fast to this most precious blessing — the way of Eternal Life with our Heavenly Father.

"You will never 'find' time for anything. If you want time, you must make it."

—Charles C. Buxton

★ In 1833 a revelation was given by the Lord to the Prophet Joseph Smith known as the Word of Wisdom, given as a principle with a promise. This principle has not been neglected by the leaders of the Church nor abandoned by them. It has been reaffirmed vigorously, for we have learned that however much a generation of people learn a truth, it must be rediscovered by each succeeding generation.

Some young people, not members of the Church, may not be acquainted with the revelation known as the Word of Wisdom. It is simply this, a law of temperance. In it we are counselled by the Lord to refrain from: the use of alcoholic beverages — any of them, tobacco in any form, and from hot drinks—understood by the Church to mean those with habit-forming potential, specifically coffee and tea.

Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are expected to live this principle.

The Lord has directed that observance of this principle is a condition of membership for one seeking baptism into his Church. For the member of the Church, compliance with this law is a prerequisite for the bestowal of the priesthood, for a call to missionary service, for temple endowments or temple marriage.

Direct question

You who are young members of the Church full well know that preliminary to such a call you will be interviewed, and the question will be put to you directly, “Do you keep the Word of Wisdom?” If you must confess that you do not, and if there is reasonable doubt that you can honour a commitment to live the principle, your opportunity may be withheld from you.

You may have difficulty, my young friends, understanding why the Lord should require his servants to hold so

THE WORD OF WISDOM

by Elder Boyd K. Packer

steadfastly to this rule, particularly when the use of alcohol, tobacco, and hot drinks is practised so commonly in the world, and when we seem to run the risk of driving many fine young people from activity in the Church. Some say we are too persistent in stressing this principle—that indeed it has been overstressed.

A principle with a promise such as this could hardly be overstressed. It may well have been stressed in a negative way, emphasising only the “Don’t.”

Explanation

A father, censuring his little son for some mischief, demanded an explanation from the boy. “Why,” he said with exasperation, “did you do, such a thing?” The little boy was thoughtful for a moment, then, “If I’d had a ‘why,’ Daddy, I wouldn’t have done it.”

It isn’t always easy to give you a “why” for everything. But we owe it to you of the coming generation to do more than just say, “Don’t!” There are several “whys” for the Word of Wisdom.

The first “why” concerns the effect upon your body. The case against tobacco as the killer in lung cancer,

and the indictment for accident, death, and moral mischief returned against alcohol are so well substantiated that hardly anyone would wish to act as attorney for the defence when these two malefactors are brought to trial.

Obedience

The Word of Wisdom offers protection to your body. Part of the promise reads: "And all saints who remember to keep and do these sayings, walking in obedience to the commandments, shall receive health in their navel and marrow to their bones;

"And shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint." (D. & C. 89:18, 20.)

But the greatest loss in failing to observe the Word of Wisdom is not what may happen to your lungs or to your brain or to your co-ordination. There is another "why" much more important than this.

No doubt you have noticed that some, who have achieved so-called success, have not kept the Word of Wisdom; for instance, you may know a businessman who provides generously for his family, and you know that he does not keep this law. Or you may know of a political figure who seems to command the vote of the people in spite of known intemperance. You could hardly escape the example of the movie queen—fair in face and figure—who makes no effort to hide her dissipation. Or the athlete who has run up impressive records, yet openly endorses one brand or another of these injurious agents.

He seems to run without fainting, you reason, and bewildered you may wonder "Why?" How can this principle be so intensely important when so many people—some of them who have been taught otherwise—abuse the principle and yet seem immune from any penalties? You, my young friends, have a greater calling than that in the

business world, or as a political figure, or as an athlete. Your opportunity is not so much in what you will contribute materially but in the influence that you may have spiritually.

To those who keep the Word of Wisdom the promise is given of "... wisdom and great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures; ..." (Ibid., 89:19.) Our spiritual senses are more delicately balanced than any of our physical senses. Like a fine radio receiver with a sensitive tuning mechanism, they can easily be thrown off channel or even jammed by corrosive influences introduced into our minds and bodies.

Truth testimony

You, my young friends, can be sensitive to inspiration and spiritual guidance. To do this you need the wisdom and treasures of knowledge—they constitute a spiritual confirmation, your testimony of the truth. To have this witness fulfills the promise of the Lord. To be denied it is the penalty.

We make no apologies for holding to a standard that the Lord has set. In this ominous day when spiritual strength is so desperately needed, we invite all youth to come where a standard is kept, where the challenge is great, where much is required, where the gospel is lived.

I bear witness that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, that he is the Lamb of God, crucified that men might live. Though we suffer mortal death, through the blood of the Lamb we have amnesty from spiritual death if we keep the commandments of the Lord, for it shall pass over us and not slay us. This witness may come to you even in your youth. On the basis of this personal testimony I commend to you the Word of Wisdom, which is not only a code of health, but quite as much a key to spiritual wisdom—a principle with a promise.



Geoffrey Willmott

North London Ward
London Stake

★ Geoffrey Willmott was described by his headmaster, J. R. Roberts as " . . . a good organizer with a fully-developed sense of responsibility and the ability to control himself and others." These qualities have been evident in Geoffrey's many activities in both church and community.

This spotlight subject has been an active member of North London Ward and London Stake. He has been an officer of the ward M.I.A., Superintendent of the Sunday School and president of G.L.E.N.N. Council of London Stake. He earned a Duty to God Award and an Aaronic Priesthood Award for seven years. He is an M.I.A. Master Vanguard and at the present time working on his Master Man award. He serves as site electrician for the North London Ward.

Geoffrey has achieved in community work as well as church work. He has done voluntary work for many years as head monitor at the children's Saturday morning cinema. He has worked for his Duke of Edinburgh Award in the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. He has passed his G.P.O. apprenticeship for Mechanical and Electrical Engineering

Sister Pauline Doggett who has worked with Geoffrey in the stake M.I.A. said, "From my own knowledge of him, I can vouch for his generous nature, his inspiring personality and his sense of responsibility in all he does. He is a natural leader among his own age group."

The Millennial Star salutes this month's youthful personality and wishes him well.

REACTIONS

Then afterwards they led Him to the hillside;
The sky was clear and far away in Galilee the tide
Still crept and rose, each blue-green wave,
While Pilate sat as dead—a slave
To conscience. And the steeled thorn's keen
Sharp barbs drew blood from Magdalene
As well as Him. A stranger
Held the cross and bore the weight
Of evil centuries to come.
And when they reached the place, the sun
Withdrew. The Roman dipped
The sponge and felt the awful gift
From such a power his heart would ever know
And Mary's heart felt nothing but the woe
Of every mother for a dying son.
And afterwards they laid Him in the cave
And soldiers stood, while Joseph and the few
Who'd fled, shed bitter tears to pave
The way of faithless years to come
Then night so soon
And day that followed day; the moon
Now dim, brought Magdalene to find
An emptiness—no friendly dead—
But found a stranger resting there instead
And she in blindness could not see Him near
The Resurrected mirrored in a tear.

CAROL KRAUS
Manchester South Ward
Winner in the open age poetry competition.
Manchester Stake Speech Festival.

From the book

“The Mormons”

A story of William Bates,
formerly president of Manchester Stake

“... In the Army during the war, I used to pray. You can bet there were plenty of times when we all did. But I did not identify my prayers with any particular church or set of beliefs. I just knew there was a God.

“After the war there was a tremendous rebuilding job to be done. Immense bomb damage, you know, and a vast housing shortage on top of it, due to increase of population and very little building for many years or during the depression, before the war, everybody doubled up, few new houses or flats. Out of my earnings I saved up \$1,000 and decided to start my own engineering or plumbing business, and such was the opportunity that I soon decided to go all the way, beg and borrow all I could and build a works to cost about \$30,000.

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“Of course I went out every day to see how it was progressing and I had to drive past a place where they were putting up a small chapel, or meeting house. LDS—Latter-day Saints—it said on a sign. What in the world is that, I thought.

“But it was evidently some sort of church and each day as I drove past I wondered whether they were meeting the same problems I was. Building in postwar England was not easy. Everything, including labour, was short. Since my plant and the chapel were

proceeding at about the same pace, I decided that when both were complete I would stop in and say a prayer of thanksgiving.

“He kept this promise and his visit to the chapel led to his meeting some of the local Mormon people and to his ultimately being baptized in 1951. During his period of investigation he had visited some of the other LDS groups and, generally, had found them very poorly housed. ‘Most were just in rented rooms, musty and uninspiring, to say the least.’

Church building

“A few years later, Mr. Bates took his family to New York, bought a new station wagon and made a 10,000 mile tour of the United States, mostly to look at Mormon church buildings. When he finally arrived in Salt Lake City, he saw Henry D. Moyle, then a member of the First Presidency. This led to his introduction to President David O. McKay.

“I found President McKay agreeing with my estimate. I said that there were two hundred buildings in Salt Lake City alone that were more beautiful and useful than anything we had in England. President McKay said that I must have been sent to him through divine means since he was at that very moment looking over proposed plans for a new chapel in London, the Hyde Park Chapel.”

MORNING PRAYERS

Did I say my prayers this morning
I really could not say.
I know I lay from dawning
Just "thinking" how to pray.
And then the clock struck seven
My thoughts went all awry
Jimmy wanted trousers
And Bob a brand new tie.
One child had fallen over
Another bumped his head,
"Please heavenly Father help me
To check the things I've said."
There's a button off Jane's blazer
There's a hole in Betty's sock
And father's books are everywhere,
I'd like to burn the lot.
And now the house is quiet
I think I'll kneel and pray,
And tomorrow I'll be careful
To "start" my day this way.

DOREEN L. LUCAS

Hayes Branch, Watford District,
British South Mission



PETER LEONARD JOYCE

**is put in focus
by**

**Isabel Cannon of the
Central British Mission**

★ When a young person excels scholastically, possesses an outstanding talent musically or dramatically, is a school leader, or is active in the Church all his life, we take very special note of each of these achievements. But when all these successes are combined in one young man, he is worthy of very special acclaim. Such a young man is Peter Leonard Joyce, Oxford scholar, talented organist and choral director, treasurer of the Deseret Club at Oxford, and outstanding young leader in the L.D.S. Church from Corby, Northants.

Peter's parents, Leonard Joyce, President of the Midlands East District of the Central British Mission and Hilda Joyce, President of the Relief Society for the Midlands East District, joined the church when he was three years old. He grew up in Corby as an active member of the church. As a teenager, he earned several individual awards.

Always a leader among his associates, Peter was the head boy at Corby grammar school. Although he completed his work at the grammar school

as a student in December of 1964, he was asked to stay on as a student teacher in maths, which he did for nine months.

While at grammar school Peter also had time to participate in dramatics. Among other parts he played Hortensio in the "Taming of the Shrew." His favourite part, however, has been that of King Lear in Shakespeare's play of that name.

In September, 1965, Peter entered Oxford on a scholarship. He is specialising in Latin and Greek. He is proficient in both these languages, but is also interested in ancient history and philosophy. He would like to work abroad and do voluntary service.

At Oxford Peter has been instrumental in helping organise the Deseret Club, a club for L.D.S. students at institutions of higher learning. At present he is the treasurer of this group. As a club, the members have written a series of articles on Faith, Repentance and Love. In his writings Peter has evidenced another fine talent — the ability to write clearly, profoundly and interestingly.

Active and creative

Peter Joyce's life has always been an active, creative one. Very early he showed an ability in music and has developed a talent for playing the organ. He also is a capable conductor and is the director of the Midlands East District Choir. This choral group

has given many public performances, achieving a high standard, due to the fine co-operation between the choir and conductor. As the chorus appeared before groups in the Midlands East area, they were spontaneously called "The Peter Joyce Singers."

Adventuresome

The summer of 1966 was another adventuresome time for Peter as he and his friend, Colin Archer, hitchhiked to Greece and Turkey. Typical of his many experiences was one in which they became the impromptu guests of a humble Greek family. (Millennial Star, November, 1966.) They were travelling outside Corinth one day, not having eaten for a whole day, when they happened to pass by the yard of a Greek family seated at a table. The man of the home must have sensed the boys' need because he stood up and beckoned them over. Surmounting the language barrier, it was easy to understand that he wanted them to join the family for the meal. Of course this was a welcome invitation, and for an hour and one half the English travellers were fed and entertained by this good-hearted family. This kind of incident happened not once, but many times, prompting Peter to say that wherever he went he was most impressed with "the friendliness of the people and their willingness to take in strangers." Regardless of nationality, Peter found those he met in his travels truly lived the gospel of love. Part of the willingness of people to respond to Peter is due, without doubt, to the love and brotherhood which emanates from him.

In spite of the many activities Peter participates in and the distance between Oxford and Corby, he makes time to continue to be active in the



PETER JOYCE

Moderation

affairs of his home branch and district. He gives them loyal support and has made many trips to help with special church functions. The joy he receives from his many achievements is reward enough to him for all he has done for others.

In addition to all of his talents, Peter possesses a warm, friendly, open personality that immediately draws others to him. Modest in his accomplishments, he is very humble and appreciative of all that life has given him. His life of service is one to admire and his fine example of Latter-day Saint faith in action is a worthy one to follow.

Love

by

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★ "God is love" John tells the world (1 John 4:16), but this grand key is too often ignored, and "is hid to them that are lost." During this life and after we are bent upon progression, so that our faculties progress to the magnitude of those of deity; and the most important quality of deity, the factor which permeates all of God's relationships with man, is love.

Romantic love, carnal (sic) love, even family love have often been condemned, quoting the Saviour's statement, "he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." (Matt. 10:37b.) The significant word here is "more." Entrance to the highest of the Celestial Kingdoms is impossible without a Temple Marriage: we must follow the example of our Heavenly Parents and achieve a perfect family relationship. Human love is vital in these considerations (article 2). In his youth St. Augustine read the story of Dido and Aeneas in Book IV of the Aeneid, and wept over it. In his later years he repented him this folly; but this repentance was rather the folly, for man should not shut himself off from life and love, in an attempt to attune himself to the Divine, but rather should, in glorying in the one, radiate the other.

The love of God for the Children of Men is an "everlasting love," (vd. Jer. 31:1, 3), and this has always been especially manifest to his covenant people. In many passages of scripture though, we get another impression. To

symbolise the condition of Israel, the Saviour told Hosea to marry a prostitute, "for the land commits great harlotry by forsaking the Lord" (Hos. 1:2b RSV). The resulting children were given symbolic names, of which that of the third is really frightening (verses 8 and 9, again RSV): "When she had weaned 'Not Pitied' — the second child, a daughter—"she conceived and bore a son, and the Lord said, "Call his name, 'Not My People,' for you are not my people and I am not your God." I cannot imagine a worse curse; I will not be yours says the Hebrew, and the personal God of the tribe of Israel fades from the scene. Despite appearances, though, this shows that the Godhead is one of love. For this punishment was deserved, and God would be a tyrant if he was not in all things just. But in all his actions there is as well, a "plan of mercy, to appease the demands of justice, that God might be a perfect God a just God, and a merciful God also." (Alma 42:15). And so, we then have Hosea prophesying, and looking forward to the new covenant: "and in the place where it was said unto them, "You are not my people," it shall be said unto them, "Sons of the living God."

Thus, the love of the Christ is shown in his justice: but in its clearest example, it is shown by his submitting himself to the demands of justice. "Therefore God himself atoneth for the sins of the world," Alma explained to Corianton. The fact that all this was part of a plan determined before the foundations of this world should not blind us to the fact that Christ did volunteer; and that only his love prevented him from opting out ("if it be possible, let this cup pass from me") as he at one moment desired. (Vd. D. & C. 122:8); at this point the Saviour hit rock bottom—it was only his love which enabled him to pull

through and say on the cross, "Father, forgive them.")

Jesus Christ is our Judge, Saviour and Creator, and in all three roles can his love clearly be seen. It should, for example, be remembered that the creation was done by the power of the Priesthood, and that power can only be exercised upon the principle of loving kindness (vd. e.g. D. & C. 121:34-38).

The Father showed love, of course, in his plan of salvation, the climax of which was the offering up of his son as a "perfect sacrifice." A faint glimmer of what this must have meant can be seen from the story of Abraham and Isaac; but in the drama played out on Jehovahjireh the participants were but men. We learn nothing from the story of the emotions involved; in Gethsemane, though, we see the Saviour "in an agony" such as he sweat blood, and an angel could not comfort him. From the sending of this angel we can imagine that the Father was not unmoved by the sight. But great though his affection was, first came his love for mankind. Christ was then about to finish his "preparations unto the children of men," and the Father, aware of this, comforted him, and then sent him about "his business."

Complete Sacrifice

Now, Christ gave up his life for us, took up a body and died for our sake. The Holy Ghost took no body, so as to fulfil his duty. The Father "so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son." These are but some reasons why John said, "God is love." But love is a relationship, which must be two way. John's statement only becomes valid (for us) when it ceases to be a biblical text, and is instead an explanation of our relationship with Deity. This relationship is far more vital than the scriptural

record, and that God is love can be more easily seen when we consider the potential of Family Prayer (and realise it), than when we try and understand the mystery of the Lord's atonement.

When we kneel in family prayer we are doing many things. One of them is bearing a testimony, not just that God lives, but that He is love. We must believe that our Heavenly Father is a God of Love, or we would not spend time listening to and echoing the half inarticulate prayers of the children. And when we feel his Spirit there in the room as a result, we must know that "God is love," for it is by such witness that we do know spiritual truths.

Similarly we can prove in many ways the generosity and loving kindness of the Godhead, of our Father in Heaven. The blessings resulting from Tithing are a clear example here, but it is perhaps wrong to single out just one of the commandments. The windows of heaven are opened on so many occasions, that the Saints cannot help testify that their God is a personal and loving one.

"God is love," says John (1 John 4:16), and this is extended to all mankind. But most seem to ignore it, "Each sequestered in (his) hate/Intellectual disgrace/Stares from every human face,/And the seas of pity lie/Locked and frozen in each eye." (W. H. Auden.)

For this love is of little effect in our lives (till the resurrection, till the judgement) unless we tap its great power by reciprocating. If we will love God, his love can work in and for us. And if we love God, we keep his commandments.

In his final exhortation, the prophet Lehi considers in 2 Nephi 1, the "chains which bind the children of men." He has, he explains, awoken from "a deep sleep," that "of hell,"

Love

for "behold, the Lord hath redeemed my soul" (v. 15) "and I am encircled about eternally in the arms of his love." Such a reward is conditional upon remembering "the statutes and judgments of the Lord" and living them. By so doing Lehi "beheld his glory." To him were applicable those glorious concluding verses of Section 121 of the Doctrine and Covenants. He had obtained the promise, but he had also obeyed the condition, "let thy bowels also be full of charity towards all men." (V. 45.) Charity is discussed in those marvellous chapters I Corinthians 13 and Moroni 7, and in this latter it is defined (v. 47) by Mormon as being "the pure love of Christ." The implications of what it means to have this love can more clearly be seen when we consider the rest of the condition. Perhaps not surprisingly, the phrase embraces all aspects of love. It describes the love which Joseph felt for his brother, Benjamin; just as much as it describes the love of the harlot for her child in the judgment of Solomon; it is the love the saints have one for another (vd. Phil. 1:8); and it describes (Is. 63:15) the love of God for his Church. Which brings us back to the Christ-like traits for which we are working. This is the love which the Lord says we are to extend not just "to the household of faith" but "to all men." I am reminded of the words of the Rev. A. J. Muste, "If I cannot love Hitler, I cannot love at all."

The two great commandments of Christ were based on love. But they imply far more. Their being lived completely requires a complete dedication and consecration to the Lord, his work and his commandments (cf. 2 Ne. 32:9). Jesus Christ gave himself for man, "which suffering caused myself,

even God, the greatest of all, to tremble." We have the free agency to act as we like with regard to this sacrifice. We can, though, give ourselves too, so that what Paul called a "regeneration and renewing" can take place, so that we are "born of God." (Cf. e.g., Alma 38:6.)

"God is love," and because of this he regards his work as being the bringing to pass of the "immortality and eternal life of man," which act of love he brings to pass through love (article 1). By applying these scriptures, by realising the potential relationship they imply, we can make of them living truths, and above that, truths for life."

GARDENER'S PLANTING GUIDE

SEPTEMBER

★ **Seeds to Sow Outdoors:** VEGETABLES: brussels sprouts, cauliflower (to frame later).

FLOWERS: annual alyssum, calendula, candytuft, clarkia, annual coreopsis, cornflower, godetia, larkspur, nigella, shirley and californian poppies, annual scabious, viscaria.

Planting Outdoors: VEGETABLES: late winter and spring cabbages, late kales, savoys.

FRUIT: strawberries.

FLOWERS: anemones, rooted border carnation layers, crocuses, daffodils (narcissi), bulbous irises, lilies, muscaris, scillas, snowdrops, all herbaceous plants not actually in flower, evergreen shrubs.

OCTOBER

Seeds to Sow Outdoors: sweet peas.

Planting Outdoors: VEGETABLES: spring cabbage, coleworts.

FLOWERS: hardy perennials, biennials and evergreen shrubs generally. Also spring bedding plants

“To him that overcometh”

by Elder Bruce R. McConkie
of the First Council of the Seventy

★ If we are to inherit eternal life in the kingdom of our Father, we must overcome the world. The world is a state of wickedness, evil, and carnality, a corrupt state in which men dwell and in which wickedness holds sway. To overcome the world, we must triumph over these things.

All men who live in this world, in this state of carnality, and who have not overcome the world, are themselves carnal and sensual and devilish by nature. That is the kind of inheritance that we have received as part of this mortality, and our object and end is to overcome the world and develop the kind of bodies, and the attributes and perfections, that will enable us to dwell with holy, pure, and exalted beings in the eternal world.

These truths have been revealed to us in many revelations; for instance, John wrote these words:

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

“And the world passeth away, and

the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.” (1 John 2:15-17.)

And the great Nephite prophet, Alma, in discoursing upon the probationary nature of our mortal existence said that all men are “carnal, sensual, and devilish, by nature.” (Alma 42:10.)

From James we have these words:

“... know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.” (James 4:4.)

Then finally, we have these expressions, as spoken by the angel who appeared to that righteous King Benjamin on this continent:

Enemy to God

“For the natural man is an enemy to God, and has been from the fall of Adam, and will be, forever and ever, unless he yields to the enticings of the Holy Spirit, and putteth off the natural man and becometh a saint through the atonement of Christ the Lord, and becometh as a child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord

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seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father." (Mosiah 3:19.)

As we understand the plan of salvation, we came into this sphere of existence for two purposes. First: We came to gain this natural body, this tangible body, this body which here in this life is a temporary house for the eternal spirit, but which body we will receive back again in immortality through the atoning sacrifice of Christ. Second: We came here to see if we would have the spiritual integrity, the devotion to righteousness, to overcome the world, to put off the natural man, to bridle our passions, to curb and control the appetites that are natural in this type of existence.

Natural bodies

We have been put in this environment advisedly. We were on probation of a sort when we lived in the presence of God, our Heavenly Father. But in that sphere we walked by sight; in that sphere we had spirit bodies. We have been sent down here to walk by faith, and we have been given natural bodies, which are subject to the ills and vicissitudes, the temptations and lusts of the flesh. And now, if by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel, by keeping the standards of personal righteousness that are found in the Gospel, if by doing

this, we can overcome the world, we will be taking the bodies which we possess and transforming them into the kind of bodies that can dwell with exalted beings.

The Prophet said that if we would go where God is, we must be like Him; that is, we must develop the characteristics and the attributes and the perfections which God has. The struggle which we face is whether we will overcome the world or whether we will be overcome by the world. All men forsake the world when they come into the Church; they then overcome the world if they continue in righteousness and in diligence in keeping the commandments of God.

Commandments

No one has overcome the world, the world of carnality and corruption, until he has given his heart to Christ, until he uses all his talents, abilities, and strength in keeping the commandments of God, and in causing this great work to roll forth.

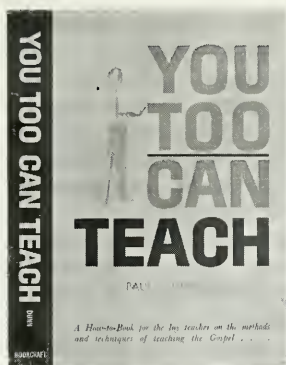
The Lord has given us the agency, the talent, and the ability to achieve in this field. He sent His Son into the world to be the great Exemplar, to be a Pattern, to mark the way whereby we, like Him, might attain glory and eternal reward.

It was Christ who said: "I have overcome the world," (John 16:33) and it was also Christ who promised,

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." (Revelation 3:21.)

"Seven days without prayer makes one weak."

—Henry Ward Beecher



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We learn, and therefore must be taught, from the cradle to the grave.

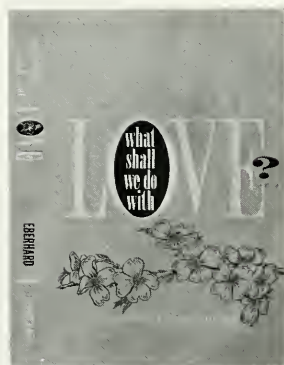
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Testimony of Witness

by

Eric Thomason

★ Testimony, spoken or written, is an essential factor in Christian belief. Yet it is little known or heard today except in some lay Churches.

One of the first things Jesus did at the commencement of his three-year ministry was to choose twelve apostles or witnesses who were later to go forth into the world to pass his gospel on to their fellow men. Of these twelve, Peter, James and John, were selected to be witnesses to certain special events.

The New Testament scriptures of Matthew, Luke, Mark and John, are written testimonies of their knowledge of Jesus during the last years of his mortal life and a witness of his re-appearance as a resurrected person. Further, the writings of Paul are the testimony of a man who persecuted Christians until he was converted by a vivid supernatural vision of Christ after the resurrection.

Open to doubt

Few people give these facts much thought today, because they happened so long ago and it is almost universally accepted that the great revelations are a thing of the past. The more ancient the authority, the more authentic it appears, whilst for the sceptic the antiquity of the evidence leaves it open to doubt as superstition.

The fact is established that the testimony of eye-witnesses is the basis for acceptance of the unusual manifestations of the Christian religion.

Let us now examine the Mormon claims from the same angle, for we are faced with exactly the same problems as are seekers after truth in early scripture.

The four major witnesses concerned in bringing forth the Book of Mormon, were Joseph Smith, Martin Harris, Oliver Cowdery and David Whitmer. There are thousands of men and

women alive today whose grandfathers saw, heard and spoke with these men. Their personality and the clarity of their evidence is not blurred by the mists of time.

These men frankly stated that the manifestations described by them occurred in bright daylight out of doors. Here we have a parallel to events that happened 2,000 years ago, only now they are projected forward into our own age, not far outside living memory.

This we must face, did these men in ancient, or, even in latter days, lie that they might preach righteousness?

Did these four men conspire this blasphemous deception, as some would have it, so that they would suffer physical hardship, violence, scorn and loss of wealth and possessions, even death, as Joseph Smith did? It is not logical to suppose so.

Hypnotic influence

The only tenable theory is that Joseph convinced them by virtue of hypnotic influence, but he could not do this from beyond the grave, and later events do not support this theory.

Martin Harris was a mature man of 44 years in 1827 when his association with the prophet commenced. Joseph was killed in 1844 and Martin survived him by 31 years.

Oliver Cowdery was the same age as Joseph and survived him by 6 years. David Whitmer was also the same age as Joseph and lived for 44 years after the prophet's death.

Also only a minority of people make good hypnotic subjects even for a powerful hypnotist. Nor does such a gift confer upon a man the ability to dictate a book with the power of self propagation that the Book of Mormon has.

In almost one hundred and forty years no one has been able to fault the

testimony of the major witnesses. Every circumstance favours the theory that these four men spoke the truth.

It is interesting to see what transpired as time passed on.

Within eight years of its establishment the Mormon Church was in the throes of crisis. In 1838 those who were not prepared to support its leadership, its principles and its practises, had to step aside for those who were.

If Joseph Smith had conspired with his three associates to perpetuate a fraud this was the time when the whole business would have been exposed. But because of transgression of Church rules, Joseph boldly excommunicated them.

Let us briefly consider the case of each of these men, commencing with Martin Harris, the first supporter the prophet found.

Harris was cut off from the Church in December 1837. He remained at Kirtland, one of the first sites where Mormonism was established in strength, and during his years of separation continued to show visitors through the Mormon Temple in that town. However, he refused to associate with the Church under its second prophet Brigham Young.

Dangerous journey

Yet he said nothing to prevent his son Martin from going to Utah. Surely at this time he would have exposed the whole affair if it was false, even if only to prevent his son making the long dangerous journey to the Great Salt Lake Valley; knowing that simply because of the distance involved it was doubtful whether he would see the boy again. His wife had long ago left him when he mortgaged his farm to pay for publication of the Book of Mormon.

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In 1870 Martin was persuaded to come to Utah where he reconciled his differences with Brigham Young, spoke in the Tabernacle and lent his support in every direction. He travelled widely to bear his testimony in many states, although in old age his strength was failing.

He died aged 92 on July 10, 1875, repeating the irrefutable testimony of the divine inspiration and prophetic genius of Joseph Smith, and was buried in Clarkston graveyard.(1)

Inspiration

Secondly, Oliver Cowdery, closest companion to Joseph Smith yet so different, small, dark, slightly built, who wrote in the early days:

(1) W. H. Homer; "The Passing of Martin Harris." *The Imp. Era.* Vol. 29. Mar. 1926. p. 472.

"These were the days, never to be forgotten—to sit under the sound of a voice dictated by the inspiration of heaven, awakened the utmost gratitude of this bosom! Day after day I continued, uninterrupted to write from his mouth, as he translated with the Urim and Thummin, or as the Nephites would have said "Interpreters," the history or record called the "Book of Mormon" ... On a sudden, as from the midst of eternity, the voice of the Redeemer spake peace to us. While the veil was parted and the angel of God came down clothed with Glory, and delivered the anxiously looked for message, and the keys of the Gospel of repentance. What joy! What wonder! What amazement! While the world was racked and distracted—while millions were groping as the blind for the wall,

and while all men were resting upon uncertainty, as a general mass, our eyes beheld, our ears heard, as 'in the blaze of day'; yes, more-above the glitter of the May sunbeam, which then shed its brilliancy over the face of nature! Then his voice, though mild, pierced to the centre, and his words, 'I am thy fellow servant,' dispelled every fear.

We listened, we gazed, we admired! 'Twas the voice of an angel, from glory, 'twas a message from the Most High! And as we heard we rejoiced, while His love enkindled upon our souls, and we were wrapped in the vision of the Almighty! Where was room for doubt? Nowhere; uncertainty had fled, doubt had sunk no more to rise, while fiction and deception had fled forever!" (2)

(2) "Times and Seasons" Vol. 2, p. 201.

Yet Oliver was expelled from the Church at Far West Missouri, 12th April 1838 for " ... leaving his calling in which God had appointed him by revelation, for the sake of filthy lucre, and turning to the practice of law."

The testimony

Following this he practiced law for ten years and it is on record that an opposing attorney tried to discredit him in court at one time because of his association with Joseph Smith. Oliver then bore his testimony of the truth of all he had seen and heard in connection with the coming forth of the Book of Mormon to the assembled court.

It was on 21st October 1848 that he attended a Church conference at Kaneshville, Iowa and before 2,000 people again gave his testimony.

In November the same year he was re-baptised into the Church and planned to go west to the Salt Lake Valley, but Oliver was never strong

physically and he passed away on 3rd March 1850 in Richmond, Missouri, the cause of death being tuberculosis.

Third and finally, David Whitmer, who had given much help to Joseph and Oliver at the time they were working on the Book of Mormon manuscript, was excommunicated from the Church at Far West, Missouri, 13th April 1838, "for not observing the Word of Wisdom," the Church's health code.

Later he moved to Richmond, Missouri, where he spent the remainder of his life as a respected citizen. He was affiliated to a splinter group of Mormonism which called itself the Church of Christ and remained a leader of the faction which affirmed the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon. Interviewed by many newspaper reporters throughout his life he continued to affirm all his original statements. (3)

Faithful in Christ

Finally, near the end of his long life on Sunday evening 22nd January 1888 he called his doctor, family and some friends to his bedside and having asked Dr. Buchanan to confirm that he was of sound mind, he addressed the group as follows:-

"Now you must all be faithful in Christ. I want to say to you all, the Bible and the record of the Nephites (Book of Mormon) is true, so you can say that you have heard me bear my testimony on my death bed. All be faithful in Christ and your reward will be according to your works. God bless you all.

My trust is in Christ forever, world without end.—Amen."

David Whitmer died three days later, 25th January 1888, aged 83 years.

An article in the "Richmond Democrat" paid tribute to him as follows:-

"He lived in Richmond half a century

and we can say no man ever lived here who had among our people more friends and fewer enemies. Honest, conscientious and upright in all his dealings, just in his estimate of men and open, manly and frank in his treatment of all, he made lasting friends who loved him to the end." (4)

Apart from these direct witnesses probably the closest person to Joseph Smith was Sidney Rigdon during the fourteen years 1830-1844.

Assumed control

Following the prophet's murder on 27th June 1844 Rigdon assumed that he would be chosen to succeed as leader of the Church, since he was first counsellor. Called to account by the Quorum of Twelve Apostles for attempting to assume control of the Church without authority he was excommunicated in August 1844. He died in obscurity in Allegheny County, New York, in 1876.

Much later his son, John W. Rigdon, writing about his father quoted him as declaring:-

"My son I will always swear before God that what I have told you about the Book of Mormon is true. I did not write or have anything to do with its production and if Joseph Smith ever got that other from which he always told me—that an angel appeared and told him where to go to find the plates upon which the Book of Mormon was engraved in a hill near Palmyra—Smith guarded his secret well for he never let me know by word or action that he got them differently and I believe he did find them as he said and Joseph Smith was a Prophet and this world will find out some day." (5)

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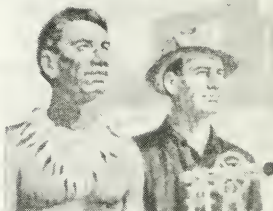
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BELIEF WITH MODERATION

by Elder Bernard P. Brockbank

★ As I travelled from New York to Chicago, I was seated next to a VIP from one of the large industrial firms of the world. He was well educated as a leader and as a lawyer in his profession. He said that he had met and personally knew several Mormons in responsible positions and that he was impressed with their loyalty, their integrity, and their dedication.

During our conversation on religion he said that he knew little about the Bible, but he believed in moderation regarding the laws and commandments of God. This sounds good, and sometimes we find ourselves indulging in the same type of thinking.

I asked him how moderation worked on the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." (Exod. 20:13.) How does it work on the commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery"? (V. 14.)

How does it work on the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal"? (V. 15.)

And after taking thought he said, "Moderation doesn't seem to work in all cases."

I asked him how it worked in regard to the great law given by the Saviour, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (Matt. 22:37.)

He said, "Moderation kills the strength of this great law."

Justification of sin, whether in moderation or otherwise, is not from God. It is deceitfully inspired by Satan.

May I be a little personal? Have you ever justified weakness and sin in moderation? Do you personally have anything to repent of? Of course we know the answer. How long have you had the sin of weakness that you desire to repent of? It is easier to give a sermon on repentance than to practice repentance.

What is the next move of one who has a problem to repent of? Have you taught repentance to your children? It is of such vital importance in God's programme that it must be taught and learned and understood. Do your children know how to repent?

Real and deep-seated love for God and Jesus Christ comes into the human soul when forgiveness of sin and weakness comes from the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. His sacrifice and atonement becomes more genuine and purposeful when one repents and receives divine relief and forgiveness from sin and weakness.

How would you feel if the golden opportunity of repentance were cancelled?

God's righteousness and spiritual growth, as well as many other basic principles, are founded on repentance.

Repentance is the one important part of the "refiner's fire" that brings the human soul to celestial glory. God placed Satan on this earth to tempt man. Man has appetites and human frailties to master and conquer. The human, Godlike mind must be trained to be in full control of the soul and life of man. Fear and the appetites too often creep in and crush out the control of the mind. Self-control and self-mastery in righteousness is the real joy of this life.

I often reflect on the temptations of the Master. Do you think he gloried and enjoyed his strength and ability to say no to Satan, to say no to the temptation of weakness, even after the flesh and the body had been placed under forty days of fasting?

Repentance founded on Jesus Christ is one way to attain self-control and perfection.

I'd like to speak personally. My own experience with repentance is teaching me that knowing the weakness and desiring to repent of it is not sufficient to eliminate the problem from my life. I found that I must again put my mind, my God-given brain, in charge and not let the habit or the weakness run on and inhibit my progress.

Sin in any form stops spiritual progress. I am finding that I have to memorise what I desire to repent of so that when I go to do it again I know what I told the Lord.

No wonder that in the gospel of Jesus Christ faith and repentance are the first principles.

God's programme of righteous growth and eternal progress is founded on faith and repentance. Both are free, both are gifts from God, but both are of no value unless used.

Parents, you are God's representatives in the home. May we teach and use repentance ourselves and teach our children and our neighbours and our friends to do likewise.

FOR THE TEACHERS

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be endowed with power, that ye may give even as I have spoken." (D. & C. 43:16.)

That is the thing that gives strength and power, meaning and life, to our otherwise weak efforts.

The fourth thing (and I will state it only briefly), is to live your teachings. Elder William E. Berrett, who has responsibility for the seminary system, once remarked that many years ago there was a Danish immigrant who taught his class. Though he spoke in broken English his life was such that you could warm your hands by the flame of his testimony.

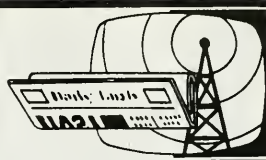
Remember, teachers, you cannot

give away that which you do not possess.

Study the life of the Master. You do not have to have a college degree to be an efficient teacher. But you do have to become acquainted with the life and teachings of the Master to be an effective teacher in the Church.

Teachers of the Church, there is an eternal extension of the power and influence of a good teacher. May we live so that we may teach by the Spirit, so that the youth of the Church might pattern their lives after the life of the Master.

I am grateful for His life and mission. He lives. He directs the brethren who direct this Church. This is my humble witness, and I bear it in the name of Jesus Christ.



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LEICESTER STAKE

★ The theme of the Stake Speech Festival held at **Derby**, was "Be Prepared," and each contestant had to speak for four minutes on a picture that they were given. Sixteen participated and talks by Yvette Bell of Mansfield, and Pamela Doyle of Derby, were graded as superior in their classes, while Denise Stone, Pamela Hill, Paul Curtis, Brian Clark, Margaret Smith, Graham Conway and Richard Oseland were all graded as excellent.

The Jaffrey Road Playing Fields in Birmingham, was a busy place on June 24, when members from all over the Stake arrived for their Sports Day. The day, Midsummer's Day, belied its name and produced rain showers and a dull afternoon, but the spectators put on macs and continued to cheer and encourage the contestants. The results were that **Nottingham** girls won the Shield for the second year running, and the **Birmingham** boys won the cup.

After the excitement of the afternoon, cars transported about eighty members over to the **Woodsetton** Chapel for a dance organised by the Stake MIA. The theme of the Dance was Salad Frolics, and during the even-

ing a salad-making competition for the young girls organised by Stake Laurel Leader Etta Johnson, was judged by Pierre Croguennec. His task was a difficult one, but he finally decided that Joy Smith's salad the most effective. After the judging three of the salads were sold, the buyers sharing the salad with the entrant concerned, while refreshments for the other dancers were provided by the Woodsetton YWMIA.

★ The morning of Saturday, June 3, dawned bright, but with a few dark clouds, but there was no hint of cloud amongst the thirty-two members of the **Derby** MIA who left the chapel early, bound for the capital city itself. The "invaders" landed at Marble Arch about 12 o'clock and proceeded to lunch in Piccadilly before going on to see Ken Dodd at the famous London Palladium.

Doddy and his Diddy-men were in excellent voice and so were the party who never stopped laughing from start to finish. Upon leaving the show they scattered to find their own means of enjoyment until the time came to



At the Leicester Stake Sports. Left: an exciting finish at the winning tape. Right: A high jump competitor makes a rapid stride.

leave for home, the most popular rendez-vous, especially for the younger members, seemed to be Battersea Fun Fair.

After a safe journey home everyone had just two thoughts in mind, (a) sleep! and (b) When do we do it again? The answers to the latter question will probably be, when the organisers, Brother Clulow and Sister Sherlock have completely recovered from this trip.

★ A united effort by all the **Nottingham Ward** members in collecting, sorting and serving, resulted in a mammoth jumble sale on June 24, which netted over £40 for the Budget Fund.

The following week a combined Farewell Party was held for Terry and Shirley Shepherd and their family who were moving to Derby, Eddie Sharp

who has returned to Mansfield and William and Penelope Bernard who were emigrating to Canada. The party took the form of a Faith Supper, and after games and refreshments, books were presented to all the families concerned. Brother Shepherd had been first counsellor in the Bishopric, on his release David Bourne was sustained as 1st counsellor, John Rigley as 2nd counsellor with James Gascoyne as clerk.

Congratulations are offered to the following students of the Nottingham University:

Richard Shreeve. Honours degree in Chemistry.

William Bernard. Honours degree in Mining Engineering, and **Edward Sharpe,** diploma in architecture.

Ronald Asher of **Nottingham Ward,** Honours degree in Chemistry at Manchester University.

Loughborough Elders group, with

assistance from the Relief Society sisters, held a branch dinner which was well attended by the local members and the Stake Priesthood leaders. The evening saw the debut of a new dance group led by Cliff Smith on piano, Stan Smith drums and Sam

Smith, base, they provided music for dancing.

In return the Relief Society invited the Priesthood members to their closing social, where they all enjoyed dancing and games.

LEEDS STAKE

★ The rains came down and the floods came up, but not enough to dampen the spirits of the forty young people from the stake who spent Whitsuntide under canvas at Appletreewick in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales.

When others were packing up and seeking shelter in farmers' barns, the LDS youth stuck into digging trenches around their tents, a task which paid off keeping them dry despite the torrents of rain. Arthur Gregory was

responsible for the high morale and cheerfulness.

He never gave anyone a chance to be anything else as he pointed with his walking stick and said, "YOU are happy."

After 36 hours the sun did come out and as if as a bonus, kept shining from dawn to sunset for the rest of the camp. Pre-dawn mountain climbs were the "in thing" on the camp, with marathon fell walks and explorations



Some of the Leeds Stake young people pause from their task of clearing up their camp at Appletreewick.

a close second. Arthur Gregory was the undefeated "Horseshoe Pitching Champion" as well as champion cheerer upper! Many people went swimming, some unintentionally as they tried to swing across a stream with the aid of a rope slung from a tree.

June Syncott of Dewsbury Ward, was "Mother" to the girls in camp, organising them in their camp duties, one of which was the preparing of "Plod," a most secret recipe form of rice pudding, known only to a select few and served traditionally on such camps as the Sunday dinner sweet.

The camp fire was one of the highlights of the holiday and will evoke nostalgic memories for many years to come.

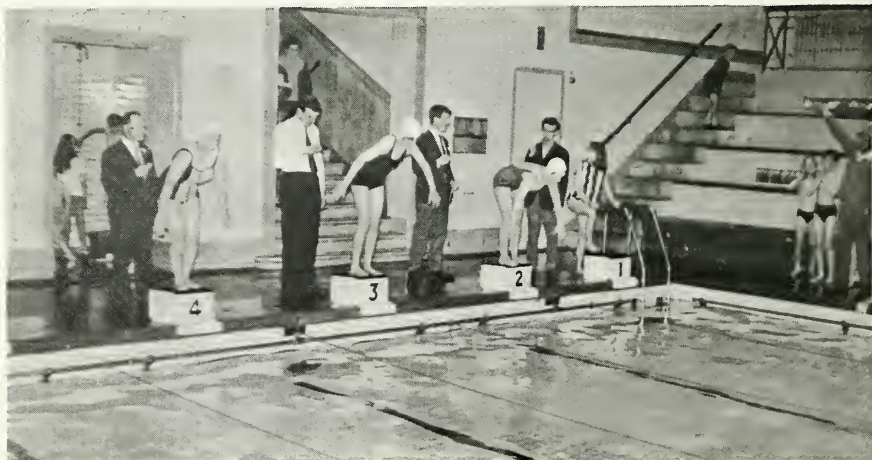
★ **Sheffield Ward** were the winners of the recent Stake Drama Festival held in the Stake House at Huddersfield, with **Bradford** coming a very close second. But when it came to pounding the water at the MIA Swimming Gala, Bradford certainly had more than an edge over the other wards in the Stake,

as they won for the second year. Activity counsellor Brian Whitehead and his helpers certainly kept things moving at the Cambridge Road baths, Huddersfield, where the Gala took place.

★ June 9 marked the commencement of the **Leeds Stake** and **Grimsby District M/Men-Gleaner** weekend held at Grimsby. A social had been organised for the Friday evening, during which everyone became acquainted. Grimsby and **Cleethorpes** saints opened their homes on this occasion to sleep all those who attended. Saturday morning began bright and early with breakfast together back at the chapel at 8 a.m.

The theme of the weekend was "Brush away the Beams," and was introduced during the morning in organised discussion groups. The aim of these was to make everyone more aware of their responsibilities in the community. Topics under discussion were: "The Mentally Handicapped," "Choosing a Vocation" and "The Underprivileged in Contemporary Great Britain."

Fortified by newspapered fish and



Under starters orders. Competitors in the Leeds Stake swimming gala.

chips the hardy souls proceeded to Cleethorpes beach where sausages, onions and much sand were eaten with salt, gusto and courage. In the evening they all joined together for a Gold and Green Ball.

The weekend was climaxed with a very successful meeting on the Sunday morning, with the 2nd counsellor of the **North British Mission** as the principal guest speaker.

The success of the weekend can be judged by the number who said they were eagerly looking forward to the next such convention to be held at Leeds in six weeks time.

★ While searching for his own genealogy, David Beevers of **Leeds** made a most remarkable discovery. A family tree of a Christopher Buckle, born 1533 of Borough County, West-

moreland. There is a complete record from 1533 to 1917. Over three hundred years of genealogy of a family that is scattered throughout the Midland counties. Anyone who is interested in this information can contact Brother Beever at 428, Tong Road, Leeds 12.

★ **Shipley Branch** sisters received the Stake Relief Society Award Shield recently in a competition where each unit in the Stake prepared a celebration table for four persons. The judges were an art teacher and a domestic science teacher, both non-members, who were overwhelmed by the task of finding a winner from a room full of such excellent displays. After the contest, short work was made of the victuals which had been so tastefully prepared.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ On Friday, June 16, the **Hartlepool Ward** was in holiday mood at their dance of the month, "Vacation Frolic." The hosts and hostesses were dressed in colourful costumes representing places like Austria, Japan, Spain and Hawaii, and the food served was appropriately characteristic of these countries. The Cultural Hall was decorated with objects from each country and a song was sung by each of the representatives. YWMIA Superintendent John Butcher and his team of helpers certainly worked hard to make the evening a success.

Betty Gardner of Hartlepool, who is only 17 years old, has for the second time won the beauty contest organised by A.E.A., the firm she works for as a relay adjuster. The prize of a beauty

case, although very acceptable, would certainly appear to be unnecessary.

★ The Middlesborough Ward Primary held a supper party in aid of the Building Fund. While the teachers prepared food and drinks, the children entertained the guests with songs from "The Sound of Music" and other shows. The Primary Mother acted as compere contributing a good supply of amusing stories. The children were very proud of the part they played in raising £7 for the funds.

★ A policeman at the door of her home early one morning, told Patricia Hammond of **Middlesborough Ward**,

that her husband, Lynn, was being held at Prestwick Airport pending her confirmation of his identity. They had not seen each other since last September when Patricia returned to England leaving Lynn to continue his studies in Utah. Once the Customs Authorities knew that he did have a wife in the country, he was allowed to enter and the couple were reunited later in the day. They plan to live in England for some time now.

★ In March of this year the **Darlington Branch** moved into a lovely new meeting house purchased by the Church for £12,000. It is a three storey building, having 60 rooms in all, 11 of which have already been redecorated by the members. They have also decorated the



Angela Harvey, Doris Laune, N. Bishop and John Davidson at the Hartlepool "Vacation Frolic."

staircase and made electrical alterations where necessary. Lino has been laid, and Bishop Laurie of **Hartlepool Ward**, who is an expert, has fitted carpets for them. The grounds of the house are beautiful and definitely worth visiting by anyone who passes through the area.

★ The **Newton Aycliffe** members are still trying very hard to raise funds for their building. On July 8 the Relief Society held a social evening. A delicious ham salad was served for supper, and entertainment was in the form of an impromptu concert and the film "They Came Singing."

★ The Stake Speech Festival was held on June 24, with the entrants being divided into two age groups, 12-16 and 17-26. Instead of first, second and third placing the recommended gradings of Excellent, Very Good, Good and Fair were given with the hope that next year everyone will rise to even higher grades. The subjects of the talks were (a) David O. McKay said: "You can make home a bit of Heaven" for the younger group and (b) Your feelings when Brigham Young said, "This is the Place," for the 17-26 age group. At intervals between the talks, various members provided some first class singing and piano playing, which was appropriate to the mood set by the talks. Susan Smilie, of North Shields, played a beautiful Brahms' Waltz, and at a later interval, sisters from the Gateshead Ward sang "Love at Home." Jean Archibald, Newcastle Ward, and Barbara Appleby, Middlesborough, sang a duet "The Wintry Day Descending to its Close," and the evening ended with everyone singing "Shall the Youth of Zion Falter."

Southwest British Mission

★ The first MIA girls' camp for the **Cornish District** suffered badly from the rain, but Helston Hall was opened to them so they still managed to have a good time with their Mission leader Bernice West.

About eighty people, young and old, attended a District Primary Play Day held in the Helston field. After the afternoon's activities they all moved into the church hall to continue their celebrations.

On July 15th a little group of saints gathered on the beach at Helston to watch as Brother Allen and Tony Bray were baptised.

It seems there is never a dull moment down in Cornwall the District M.I.A. held a party at Redruth on July 28th, to raise funds for costume expenses for the skit they will present at the Torquay convention.

Helston M.I.A. put on a talent show in aid of their funds, and it was a

great success despite the fact that the audience was rather small.

★ On the evening of July 20, 1967, an "At Home" was held in the Greyfriars Community Centre, Ringwood, at which a budding young branch of 17 members got together with the missionaries and entertained their friends. At 7.30 p.m. there were 80 people crowding the little hall and the evening began with a piano recital by Elder Jay Munns, who had only recently arrived in the Mission, President and Sister Barton also performed with violin, piano and vocal. Then an expository was given on the new poster series, indicating the restoration of the gospel. Following this, "Man's Search for Happiness" was presented. At the conclusion of the meeting two of those present applied for baptism. The evening was considered a great success and others are contemplated.

British South Mission

★ Beneath the shadow of Windsor Castle, thirty members of the **Windsor Branch** held their summer picnic on Wednesday June 8th. It was a dry cool evening, but the members were soon shedding cardigans and sweaters as the runs were scored in the **Sisters v Priesthood** Cricket match. The game soon made everyone feel hungry, but appetites were satisfied with hot dogs and fried onions, apple pie and cream and lemon meringue pie, all supplied

by the Relief Society. After this a more sedate game of passing the egg was enjoyed by the players, and even more by the spectators as broken eggs flew in all directions, but perhaps it was enjoyed most of all by the dog who found them!

★ A change in the **High Wycombe Branch** Presidency occurred in April, with Derek Parkin becoming the New Branch President following the release

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of President Godfrey, who had finished his tour of duty with the U.S. Air Force and was returning home. The counselors, Fred Eastley and Alvin Rickers, remained the same.

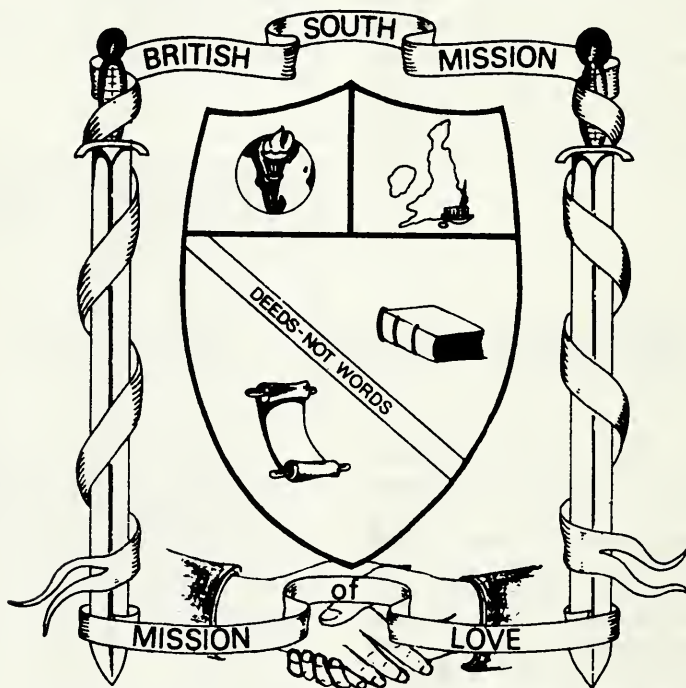
On July 9th a picnic and sports day rounded off a "Dare to Care" week sponsored by the missionaries.

There were games for the children

and a sack relay for the women plus plenty of unusual contests. One such contest necessitated balloons being filled with water and tossed back and forth by the participants. This provided much fun and laughter and a few wet people, and was finally won by Elders Smith and Remand.

The serious business of the day was the International contests of softball and soccer, between the English and the Americans. The Englishmen did their best in the softball, but this was not good enough. However, they had their revenge in the soccer match, beating the Americans 3:0.

Mission coat of arms



Can any Millennial Star reader quote us the accurate description of the heraldic symbols in the above design?

North British Mission

★ Hazel Mary Gregory of **Blackburn Branch**, Preston District, who is 23 years old has received a call to serve a mission at Moersbroicher in West Germany.

Sister Gregory is well fitted for this foreign mission as she speaks German, French and Spanish. At present she is busy improving her German. Prior to this call she served as President of the branch Y.W.M.I.A., Sunday School teacher and as a local missionary with Agnes Heath as her companion. Hazel, who is a statistical clerk lives with her father at Darwen. The whole of the Preston District are planning a big Farewell for this "Lassie from Lancashire" who is soon to be on her way to Germany.

★ Another Farewell Party is reported from the **Grimsby District**, this time it was organised by the District Relief Society in honour of President and Sister Wilford H. Payne, President of the North British Mission. A gift of Wedgewood pottery was presented by Betty Browne on behalf of all the Relief Societies of the District.

President J. Arthur Casbon of Cleethorpes Branch was M.C. for the evening and directed the dancing and a programme of excellent entertainment. Items included two duets on trumpet and cornet played by two boys from Cleethorpes, some amusing songs, not the least of which were rendered by a quartet of young ladies under the direction of Sister Taylor.

Another feature of the evening was a

fancy dress parade for the children. Much time, thought and ingenuity went into the costumes and the four winners received their prizes from President Payne.

Refreshments of cakes, fruit and ices were served, after which the dancing continued to music provided by President W. Eley. At the end of the evening the eighty-four people present all joined hands to sing Auld Lang Syne.

★ **Scunthorpe Chapel** resounded to the music of the Square Dance Band "Red Wings" and the feet of over two hundred dancers as they followed the calls of instructor Ray Howard at a Square Dance organised by the Chapels Sunday School Superintendency on June 3rd. Many of those attending were non-members, and they showed great interest in the excellent display of tracts and Church literature provided for the occasion by the missionaries. The evening was a great success and over £8 was raised for the Sunday Schools Outing in August.

★ Activities from the **Liverpool District** including a Baby Show and Fancy Dress Parade organised by the Widnes Run-corn Branch at the Liverpool Chapel on July 1st. Judging the babies was the unenviable task of Mrs. D. Trevitt, S.R.N. S.C.M. Q.N.S. because all the babies were so beautiful. Prizes were awarded to Carlton Brendon and Julie Dickenson in the under six months

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class; to Peter Birch and Carlton Pass, (under one year; and to Lisa Bradbury and Sally Ann Chandler, (under two years).

Winners in the fancy dress were two brothers, Chris and Reed Mullen, who went as 'Pirates Radio,' Peter Richardson, as a teacher in a miniature cap and gown complete with books, and Shirley Murphy as Wee Willie Winkie carrying a lighted candle. Others specially commended were Steven Edwards as Keep Britain Tidy, Gail Almond as the Pinkest Fairy and Kevin Gerrard aged nearly two, who was Buttons and Bows competing for beauty with Malcolm Sinclair who had Roses growing all over him. For originality and novelty the parade was hard to beat, the smallest ages thoroughly enjoyed the occasion, especially the Little Girl Lost, who wept herself into the part and was comforted by Batman, the Indian Maid, Miss U.S.A. and Miss England.

There were also stalls and side shows, something for everyone in fact. Judges were Winnifred Stevens and Violet Baldwin, and the prizes were presented by Bishop and Sister J. A. Cubbon.

★ The finals of the **Liverpool District M.I.A.** Road Show were held at the **Southport Chapel** on Saturday July 8th, and the theme was "Summer Symphony". Warrington Branch, who put a great deal of effort into costumes and

scenery were adjudged the winners, with Southport Branch coming second. President J. Jones of the District Presidency and Superintendent R. Edwards of the District M.I.A. acted as judges.

Leaders of the District M.I.A. have started to organise regular dance evenings for the youth. They will be held in the Cultural halls of the Liverpool, Southport and Wigan Chapels and dancing will be to records and the music of a group called "The Feet". Anthony Highton of the Southport Branch is a member of the group and he plays bass guitar.

★ **Scarborough Relief Society** Social began with the brain-racking game of guessing advertisements, and was followed by other guessing games which provided much fun and laughter. A novel meal, which went by the name of "Chop Parcels" (individual servings of lamb chops and mixed veg. cooked in foil) were served with the assistance of the Branch President. Following the meal a group of members performed a floor show dance.

★ The M.I.A. of the **Beverly Branch** organised an outing to Skipsea on the evening of July 2nd. Gillian Tasker was in charge of the delicious chicken supper. The Ensign and Laurel classes recently elected Gillian as Secretary and John Wylie as President of a committee which is to meet each month to organise further such activities.

★ District Finals for the Cross Country running event were held at **York** recently and organised by Ray Yoward. The three winners of the race were, Neil Roy, Geoffrey Dunning and Graham Barber. Netball finals for girls were also held on the same evening, with York as the winning team. Both events were in preparation for the Great Britain Sports.

North British Mission Sunday School Conference

★ The first bi-annual Conference for the Sunday School workers throughout the North British Mission was held recently. Because of travel difficulties, the Conference had to be split into two sessions . . . the first at the Southport chapel on June 3 (this was for all members on the West side of the Mission) and the follow-up at the East Hull chapel, on June 17 (for all members on the East side of the Mission).

Opening the Southport Conference, Sunday School Superintendent John F. Perry (North British Mission) spoke about the new and smaller Stake Board Plan which had been announced a short time ago. He said that it was the intention of the North British Mission to put this excellent Plan into operation as soon as possible, and already some Branches and Districts were well on the way with re-organisation. He said that the Deseret Sunday School Union had promised a flow of information and supplies for leadership sessions in line with the new set-up.

The Conference then split up into separate departments—in line with the new Plan — with workshop sessions conducted by the following members: Secretaries, Brother Edgar Diamond (Preston District) and Sister Christine Stone (East Hull). Teacher Trainers, President William Davison (Preston District). Musicians, Brother Harry

Butler (Liverpool District) assisted by Sister B. Brown (St. Helens). Instructor Use Directors, Sister Bessie Harrison (Preston District). Junior Sunday School Co-ordinators, Brother Keith Hargreaves (Nelson). On the East side, the Musicians were taken by President A. B. Pooley (York), the Teacher Trainers by Brother Jack Spurr (Hull District) and Brother W. Collier (Scunthorpe) assisted Sister Harrison in the IUD department.

In the Superintendencies department, Superintendent Perry and his assistants, Brother Leslie Medcalf (Hull District) and Brother Vic Harrison (Preston District) talked about and answered questions on the new division of responsibilities for Sunday School Superintendents.

At the Conference at Southport, the Liverpool District President, Peter Watson, said that this had been one of the most instructional, informative and interesting Conferences he had ever attended as far as Sunday School was concerned. He stressed the need for all who are called to work in the Sunday School organisation to put in a hundred per cent effort.

President Wilford H. Payne (N.B. Mission President) presided at the Hull Conference. This was probably the last time that most of the Sunday School workers would be seeing him in this country as he was coming to the end of his mission and soon would be back home with his family in the States. President Payne remarked to the delegates assembled that he was truly pleased with the progress being achieved by the Mission Sunday School Superintendency, and he too urged everyone who had been called, to give of their best in their work for the Lord.

The Conference here at Hull, was also addressed by President Ian Swanney (Assistant to President Payne), President Arthur R. Jenner (Grimsby District President) and President

James E. Holmes.

The next Sunday School Conference in the North British Mission is scheduled for October on the East side and November on the West side.

THE SAINTS ENTERTAIN

★ On Bank Holiday Monday (May 29th), 90 members of the Liverpool Branch enjoyed an excellent day in the sun at Southport. While some built sand-castles and played games, others went swimming and sunbathing in the open-air pool. At tea-time, they all converged on the Southport Chapel where a handful of helpers led by the District Relief Society President, Sister Alma Perry, had a meal ready for the hungry Saints. Later everyone went to the Pleasure Beach before heading for home, tired, well-fed and slightly sunburned.

TO ZOO

★ On the same Bank Holiday, members of the Wirral and Crosby Branches

joined together for a day out to Belle Vue Zoo and Gardens in Manchester. They were not as fortunate as those from the Liverpool Branch, for true to tradition ... it rained in Manchester!

HOE DOWN

★ On Saturday, June 10, the Liverpool Branch held another very successful dance ... the printed tickets called it "More Country Capers." This style of dance has proved really popular with the Saints in the Liverpool District with the authentic music provided by experts ... Vic Smeltzer and his boys. They soon had everyone "forming eights" and following the clear instructions from the "Caller." Soon everyone—230 of them—captured the spirit of the dance on a packed floor with plenty of "Yipees."

The Cultural Hall just bounced as the "gals" in their gingham and the "guys" in their jeans and checks "Dozee-Doed and Promenaded."



The happy scene at the "Country Capers" dance held recently at Liverpool.

Stairway to lasting joy

★ Children from the **Southport Branch Primary** showed parents and friends how to climb the "Stairway to Lasting Joy" during the Primary Family Hour held in the chapel on July 2nd. Twenty children took part together with Sisters

M. Chalmers, A. Abbott, A. Hindley, B. Fossard and S. Lloyd. Guest speakers were the Mission Primary President D. Jennings and M. Kettle from the Liverpool District.



Southport Branch Primary during their Family Hour programme on July 2.

Central British Mission

★ Several Hereford youth attended the annual **Midlands West District** M.I.A. camp at Saundersfoot, S. Wales over the Whit week-end. For many it was their first taste of life under canvas, and they could not have chosen worse weather. It rained practically non-stop from arrival on Friday evening until early Monday morning, when the sun shone gloriously to enable everyone to acquire a last minute tan.

Despite similiar atrocious conditions the District sports were held in **Worcester** on June 24th. Despite the rain and the sparse number of entrants several of the events provided very close finishes, and Worcester carried off the trophy for another year.

A Mid-summer Social and Dance on the 21st June coincided with the birth-

day of Robert Eden and a full scale celebration was developed.

Bob was presented with a birthday cake decorated to represent a table-tennis table by Geraldine Burton, who gave the news that she was shortly to leave Hereford to take up employment with the Church Building Committee in Surrey.

Since joining the Church 2½ years ago, Geraldine has served as a District Missionary, Relief Society Secretary, 1st Counsellor in the Y.W.M.I.A., Sunday School Secretary and District Dance Director.

★ Also due to leave Hereford in the near future is Jill Pain, who will be taking a students course at B.Y.U. Jill is another stalwart of the Y.W. Mutual, at present being the President. She has also held positions in Primary and Relief Society as well as being the Branch Chorister and a District Missionary.



GERALDINE BURTON

★ The Branch Relief Society held their mid-summer social in July, styled as a Wine and Cheese party. Several varieties of cheese and biscuits and pure grape juice were greatly enjoyed. The entertainment comprised of games and a film show.

A jumble sale was held in a hired hall right in the centre of the city, all helpers were in position for the doors opening at three o'clock. Quite a busy afternoon followed, but not all the jumble was sold, President Daw took the

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remains to a local rag and bone merchant and after all expenses had been paid a profit of over £13 was recorded.

★ Early on Sunday, July 9, a party of saints ascended Dinedor Hill, which overlooks the city and country of Hereford, and there they held a Dedicator Service, calling on the Lord to bless the proselyting Elders and the missionary programme in that area.

★ On a wonderful summer day, fifteen saints from the **Midlands West District** had a glorious time pony trekking in the Black Mountains of Wales. Enjoying the sunshine and sharp mountain air from 8.30 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. plus the exercise of riding their horses made them tired, sunburnt, and aware of their many aching bones, but one and all voted the outing a great success and they are looking forward to their next trek.

★ The **Hereford M.I.A.** was further depleted when Geoff Boucher left the area to take up employment in London. Despite his tender years, Geoff has served in the M.I.A. Sunday School and as a District Missionary and the Branch Clerk.

★ On Friday June 16th it was discovered that a window of the **Rhyl Chapel** had been broken and the building entered. The contents of the M.I.A. Tuck shop had been stolen, but there was no further damage to the building. The

following Thursday Brother Williams caught two boys outside the building with another window broken. One boy escaped but the other was captured and taken to Rhyl Police Station, where it was found that he had a long record of criminal activity and the case is now in the hands of the Police. Both boys were only 14 years of age.

On a brighter note a most pleasant and profitable home evening was held at the home of Brother and Sister Harrison on June 18th.

★ A message from President Petersen was played from a tape recording and was followed by a discussion on Branch Chapel Building with Brother Lambert from the **Stoke Branch** giving valuable information.

★ On the evening of June 28th, the First Annual Landladies Evening was held at the **Central British Mission Home** in Sutton Coldfield. Approximately 110 people were in attendance, of which 75 were landladies and landlords from the Midlands area. One of the Landladies had just been baptised, and two more baptisms were planned in the near future. The love and understanding that is shown to the missionaries plays an important part in furthering the work of the Lord. In order to express their appreciation for the care and love given them in their "homes away from home", the missionaries planned and paid for this special evening.

Welcoming remarks were given by President and Sister Cannon, they spoke of the early missionary activities in the Mission since its beginning in July 1961.

The New Mission-airees then played a few light musical numbers. An unexpected delay while waiting for repairs

to film projection equipment. The landlords and ladies were given the opportunity to introduce themselves, and although the introductions were unexpected, everyone responded. After the delay the film "Man's Search for Happiness" was shown and very well received.

While refreshments were served everyone got acquainted, and afterwards the guests were taken on a tour of the mission home. Stake members introduced themselves and gave a brief explanation of their positions and responsibilities.

News that the annual Youth Convention for the mission was for the over sixteens this year did not disappoint the younger members too much, for at the same time it was announced that there would be a special Young People's Convention for all those aged 12 to 15 at **Newcastle-under-Lyme** on July 1st/2nd.

★ Fifty-five young people and thirty leaders gathered together to enjoy an afternoon of sports such as 5-a-side soccer, table tennis, netball and volleyball on the Saturday. After which they entered the Cultural Hall to find that an elegantly set banquet had been prepared by Peter and Gladys Williams, the Mission M.I.A Superintendent and President. This was served by members of the Mission Board and Mission Presidency. The food seemed to restore the energy which had been used up during the sports and by the evening everyone was ready and prepared to show their talents on the stage. All the districts were well represented, and an added delight to the programme was the appearance of the Mission-a-ires and Mr. Magic himself, Cecil Guscott from the

Peterborough Branch.

Tired and happy the men and boys retired to rest for the night on the floor of the carpeted areas of the chapel building, while the girls were accommodated at the home of President and Sister Hardy of the **Newcastle Branch**.

★ Sunday morning was greeted with the showing of "Man's Search for Happiness", a film which set the minds of the youth to action, thus their thoughts and testimonies came forth in great abundance at the testimony meeting. As these young people listened to President and Sister Cannon and other members of the Mission Presidency, it could be felt that there was a renewed determination within each one to live the principles of the gospel and to share it with others.

★ On Tuesday 11th July, the Reverend Kenneth Earle, Chaplain to the Northampton Deaf, gave an extremely interesting talk to members of the Relief Society on "The Deaf and their Problems." Hearing people gained great insight on the many ways in which they can help their less fortunate fellows.



Another happy camping photo as someone takes to the water.

*In searching for
the truth
John F. Heidenreich
says*

It may change your life !

★ During the many years I was in the pastorate of another church, I never ceased to search for a fullness of the Gospel that I knew I did not possess. The decision to walk in the light that came to me was difficult beyond words. How one finds the courage and humility to leave the old life and begin the new, only God knows. He supplied us, my family and me, with that spiritual energy without which we could never have taken the first step in a journey that was to bring us into a new world.

On vacation trips, we had been on Temple Square and learned the story of the Church. Like millions of others we greatly admired the achievements of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in colonisation, youth work, welfare, missionary activity, and the magnificent Tabernacle Choir. It seemed only reasonable to suppose that such phenomenal success must be due to the effectiveness of certain social techniques that would work equally well with any group of people, if such techniques were known and applied. With this thought in mind, our family made a summer excursion to Salt Lake City in 1958 to take a look at the Church at close range.

It was somewhat of a jolt to discover that the genius of Mormonism was in its theology, not its methodology, and that the amazing vitality of the Church sprang from the commitment of its

members to the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ received by revelation. It became obvious that one could not have the fruits of Mormonism without its roots.

At this point we began to feel a real hunger to know more. Missionaries came to our home in Buffalo, New York, and guided our study for several

months. The first big obstacle toward accepting the Restored Gospel was to accept the Book of Mormon as divinely inspired. For one who was deeply attached to the Old and New Testaments by special training and long association, it seemed a crass sacrilege to rank any other book with The Bible. A careful reading and study of The Book of Mormon revealed the fact that it has a close similarity to The Bible yet retains a bold originality. It has a solid unity with The Bible and is a remarkable companion to the Old and New Testaments, since The Book of Mormon also has a B.C. to A.D. time span.

To me it seemed impossible that this astounding book could have been the uninspired hoax of some unknown clairvoyant. The spiritual depth of The Book of Mormon is so vast that it cannot be measured. The fact that this ancient record spoke to our hearts with all the rapture of The Bible itself convinced us of its sacred origin and character. From The Book of Mormon I gained a more coherent and a much enlarged understanding of The Bible.

What seemed the most difficult obstacle to our accepting the fullness of the Gospel was the LDS concept of a prophet. To recognise in a human mortal, relatively contemporary to our own times, the stature of a Biblical prophet seemed impossible. Yet one

cannot accept the Restored Gospel without accepting the human instrument, through whom the restoration came, as a divinely called and inspired prophet.

Prophet Joseph

To become acquainted with the Prophet Joseph, even through the written page, is to love him. The story of the Prophet's life confirms the conviction that he knew God as few men in all ages have known Him. No man has with more penetrating vision brought the scriptures into focus than the Prophet Joseph. No man has exalted and honoured Jesus Christ more than he. The Prophet has opened the way to a vast new world of spiritual perception that God has reserved for this age, and all who are honest of heart may see it if they desire. The Restoration of the Gospel required and continues to require the God-given authority of a living prophet.

Truth sometimes runs counter to our vested interests, and to our emotional or economic securities, or both. I had been a member of a church I loved and served many years, a church that made no claim to be "The Church" of Jesus Christ. It was very difficult to accept the idea that a church existed that was "The Church" of Jesus Christ. And yet, if such a Church did not exist, Christ was not the Head of The Church but the Figurehead of many churches. It was a perplexing problem. If "The Church" did exist, which of the churches was Christ's Church? This same problem had troubled the Prophet in his early youth, and for this very cause he had sought the Lord in prayer.

It occurred to me that if Christ was the Head of any particular Church it would be the Church that honoured Him. A study of the claims of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints revealed the fact that Jesus Christ holds a place of pre-eminence in this Church that He is given in no other church of which I have knowledge. To Latter-day Saints, Christ is the Creator of worlds; He is our Father in that He has spiritually begotten us through His atonement; (Mosiah 5:7). He is the only Son of God begotten in the flesh; He is Jehovah of the Old Testament and the Lord of life.

We must accept the fact that, because of its unique origin, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is either founded upon provincial bigotry and falsehood or it is founded upon the commission given it by Christ Himself to be not "a church" but "The Church" of Jesus Christ. This is a claim so great as to be preposterous to the liberal mind, yet, the existence of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints can neither be justified nor explained, nor understood on any other grounds. In my search for truth, the witness of the Spirit has confirmed in my mind and heart that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is Christ's Church upon the earth and is the Kingdom of God.

It would be furthestmost from our minds to imply that we have "arrived" in our search for truth. Truth, as men are able to grasp it, must always be refined and made more articulate. To see only a glimmer of the truth of the Gospel of the Restoration, is a soul-shaking experience. It is an experience like that of the Wise Men who came to the manger. Bethlehem was the end of their journey. They were no longer seeking the Christ; they were seeking only ways to proclaim Him to the world. Such is the experience of those who have understood and accepted the message of the Restoration of the Gospel.

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CONGRATULATIONS



BIRTHS

★ April 19. — To Brother and Sister Denis Grady, R.A.F. Northwood, attending **Hayes Branch**, British South Mission, a daughter, Deborah Karen.

★ June 15. — to George and Chloe Watson, Billingham Ward, Sunderland Stake, a daughter Miriam Jane.

★ June 24. — To Ronald and Carol

Roberts, Liverpool Branch, North British Mission, a son, Guy.

★ July 5. — To Brother and Sister P. Talbot Ashby, Crawley Branch, British South Mission, a daughter, Alison Jane.

★ July 14.—To Ralph and Jane Pulman Merthyr Tydfil Branch, Southwest British Mission, a son, James Hugh.

ENGAGEMENTS

★ Brenda Smithies of Accrington Branch, **North British Mission** to G. Frederick Hall from California.

Sister Smithies is leaving shortly for America and after their marriage in the Temple they will reside at Anaheim, California.

★ Joan Ball to Lenard Baydell, both

members of **Bolton Branch**, North British Mission. They are planning to be married later this year and hope to start a new life in New Zealand.

★ Joan Bray to Alan Olives, both of **Helston Branch**, Southwest British Mission.

MARRIAGE

★ Geoffrey George Talbot and Jacqueline Sandra Witham, members of the Doncaster Ward, Leeds Stake.

Geoffrey, who served a two year Building Mission, met Jacqueline at the

local drama group, and with the aid of a young couple in the ward he taught her the gospel. She was baptised by him in October 1966, and they were married early this year.

**Mr. & Mrs. G. Talbot
members of the Doncaster
Ward, Leeds Stake**



WRITE TO MILLENNIAL STAR

Thanks to the hard work of our two sub-editors Sister Muriel Cuthbert and Sister Gwen Cannon we are now right up to date with news of births and marriages. To ensure early publication of **YOUR** happy events please make sure that one of our "subs" is sent the news and a photograph as soon as possible. We should be sent full names and most important the exact dates.

STEPS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A TESTIMONY.

There are certain definite steps you have to take to get a testimony . . . You have to believe in Jesus Christ, that He is the Son of God. You have to repent of your sins. You have to be baptised by water and also by the imposition of hands for the Holy Ghost, and then you have to continue in obedience to the principles of the gospel.



A YOUNG POINT OF VIEW

by Margaret Atterbury

★ I was born in January 1942 and converted to the Church at the age of twenty, being very impressed with a life where we could live "happily ever after ... " My younger sister, Marie, who was married in the Temple, introduced me to the Church and we were

converted and baptised together within six weeks.

My first meeting in the Mormon church was in an upper storey room of an old house where the new Derby chapel now stands.

Over the past five years I have worked as Ward M.I.A. Activity Counsellor, Leicester Stake Sports Camp Director, Age-Group Counsellor in the London Stake and Sunday School teacher to a class of 8-10 year olds.

I attended the London Stake Camp Clinics and was eligible for the Camp-crafter award and two week Leadership Courses which have given me valuable groundwork in coaching M.I.A. activities.

Association

After serving a building mision in the Building office in Surrey I am now working there full-time and have experienced a wonderful association with church members and greatly enjoyed working with young people. I hope Mormons everywhere will take the opportunities offered of intermingling and choosing a partner for temple marriage.

I was headgirl in my last term at the Markeaton School for Girls in Derby and left at 15. My interests are mainly sport and I was the Derby county schools long-jump champion at 13. The church cultivates an appreciation for drama, speech and music and I am impressed by the enhancement in the lives of those who 'keep busy' in the callings they hold and hope to follow this example and help my friends along because of it.



MARGARET ATTERBURY

Southwest British Mission

Mainly for Women

★ My life in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints began when my mother first met Annie Cook. She was impressed by her gentle manner and after she discovered that Annie was a Mormon, Mother investigated and was converted. As a result our family became members of the church.

I can remember clearly the first time I went to Church. Services were held in member's homes and when I saw how my parents enjoyed them I too wanted to go to a meeting. One Sunday my parents took me to Sacrament Meeting, which was held at Ivy Cottage, the home of Sister Julia Cook and her family. I was a little apprehensive as I stepped through the front door but a door opened in front of me and I stepped into a room that seemed so full of radiance and light that I felt I was stepping straight into heaven. I was eight years old then, but I have not forgotten that feeling which I had as I stepped through the door where Sister Cook, her five daughters, two missionaries, and several others were seated, ready to start the meeting.

Mormon Dip!

Everything in that room seemed to shine but it was everyone's faces that held my attention. From that moment on I loved the church and could hardly wait to be baptised. My parents made me wait to gain some understanding of the importance of this step. But at last I was baptised in an open air pool near my home, by Elders Fred R. Morgan and Harvey D. Hansen. It caused quite a sensation. People had gathered in the road above the pool

MY LIFE in the CHURCH

by Ivy Holder

and thought the Elders were trying to drown me and the other little girl, Dorothy Creed, who was being baptised with me. Others called out rude remarks and comments on the "Mormon Dip."

So began my life in the church. It was not easy. My brothers and sisters have often been chased by other children yelling "Mormonite — dought the light," and even a few stones were thrown. Cottage Meetings and Sunday Schools in our home became an occasion for some neighbours to gather outside and jeer. Mother would always say, "Don't answer them back. They will soon get tired of it." It seemed a long time before they learned to accept us.

My first assignment was to help to choose the songs for Sunday School, and to write the minutes. The next important step in my life was when I first bore testimony. I can't remember what I said except that I knew Joseph Smith was a prophet because he had seen the Heavenly Father and Jesus

Christ. I have never doubted that from the time those two missionaries told me.

After the War

We continued to hold Cottage Meetings until the end of the 1939-1945 war. Then the missionaries were sent back to "reopen" Stroud Branch, with a hired hall. We had no one who could play the piano so I was permitted to play "O My Father," the Sacrament Hymn, by picking out the tune with two fingers on each hand. Stroud Branch "reopened" and my church activities really began. Previously I had been YWMA President and helped my father, who was Branch President. However, I never realised the importance of being called to serve until I was called to start a Primary.

I was to teach four children of investigators. I accepted the call after many tears and prayers to our Heavenly Father for guidance, and what joy it gave me as I taught those little children.

Since that day I have been called in many ways to serve, and I have tried to learn and teach the Gospel to my brothers and sisters.

As far back as a brief memory of President Orson F. Whitney and President George Albert Smith, the mission authorities have influenced my life. I remember, as a little girl, the first time I saw President McKay. I remember how we children would cluster round him, and the way we loved him. Two other young missionaries stand out. One was Bernard P. Brookbank (he was one of our boys in our little cottage meetings); another was G. Homer Durham, who came with the mission president to our District Conference. Others came and returned in later years as Church leaders.

There are many highlights in my everyday life. I enjoy every District Conference. I had a wonderful feeling the day I attended the dedication of

the Swiss Temple. It was the first time I had ever seen the singing of the mighty Tabernacle Choir. It was so beautiful. Then I had the unforgettable experience of being present at the dedication of our own British Temple. It was a dream come true for many of us. The blessing and joy each visit there gives to me cannot be described. I'll never forget the testimony meeting in the Germany Branch of Heidelberg. I heard and understood those testimonies although I didn't understand German. Just the tone of voice and the expression on their faces conveyed the strength of their testimony to me.

Canadian visit

Later I had the great joy of going to Canada and there I was able to go through the Cardston Temple, for my own endowments. Then I went on down to Salt Lake to attend General Conference and afterwards to spend many weeks visiting and re-uniting with "my missionaries." The first missionaries I visited were the two missionaries who baptised me. I was able to let them know that we were still holding fast to the Gospel. I brought them a message of love from my mother which gave me more joy than anything else. Then I attended General Conference. I not only thrilled with the wonderful spirit there and the words of wisdom from our great leaders, but I also met and talked with them. I visited the beautiful Relief Society Building and met our beloved Sister Belle S. Spafford and her counsellors. How proud I felt to belong to our wonderful Relief Society, called by our Father and guided by women like them.

My experience in Relief Society work began as a little girl, when I went with my mother and saw the ladies all sitting around sewing. When our Stroud

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YOU CAN GIVE A TALK

★ So, you have been asked to speak in the Sacrament Meeting, a Fireside or in M.I.A. or perhaps a talk in a Relief Society class? Yes, **you** can do it. **You** can give a talk!

Your immediate reaction to the invitation or assignment is often one of panic. How you can stand before a large audience or even a small class group when you feel so nervous? You have "butterflies" in your stomach, hundreds of little hammers beating in your brain. You cannot help feeling apprehensive in your inadequacy. We all experience this feeling at some time or another. We feel sure in our own mind that we can't give the talk and we are prepared to tell our leader so and a wonderful opportunity to grow and develop will pass us by. Take a deep breath, stand well balanced on both feet, relax and then say, "I'll be happy to try."

Pray

In speaking, as in teaching and in all of our efforts, we need our Heavenly Father's guidance. Be humble, prayerful, cooperative and seek the required strength you need to share your thoughts with others. Your Heavenly Father is mindful of you and will help you as you prepare to speak.

Practise

Preparation is at the heart of every successful endeavour. Richard L. Evans has said, "There is no short cut to any worthwhile horizon." We need to be continually preparing through study, faith and **personal effort**. In the search for perfection in any skill no satisfactory alternative to practise has yet



says

Dorothy L. Shorrock

been discovered. Through constant study and sincere personal effort there comes confidence and assurance as we develop powers of thought and expression. There is only one way to learn to do things and that is to do them! How very fortunate we are that there are many different organizations within the Church of Christ in which we can actively participate. It is good to take part! It has been said, "That which we persist in doing becomes easier for us to do, not that the nature of the thing itself has changed, but that our power to do is increased."

Read

Prepare for your talk through careful study because the quality of your thinking is effected by the extent of your

knowledge. The more we learn about a subject, the richer will be our thoughts and we will feel mentally alert recognizing increased knowledge as an aid to better thinking. We should seek to be well read for we will then be better qualified to present or defend our convictions. What are we reading in the way of uplifting literature, history, biographies, classical works? In preparing our church talks Bible dictionaries are of particular value. Take a little time each day to learn to read correctly for in reading correctly our speech is improved. Practise reading aloud church doctrine and all good literature. As church members, we have a wide field of uplifting literature from which to choose. As we read, make notes recording our thoughts and seek continually to find enjoyment in the better type of books.

Do you read poetry? Poetry is a wonderful gift of expression. Choose it wisely, learn to read it aloud and then memorize it.

Project

Practice a little each day in projecting your voice. In the theatre the artiste is continually reminded that the voice must be projected so as to be heard in all parts of the auditorium. This does not mean that one must shout to be heard, but that diction is good, words are formed clearly and rounded well. Take a few minutes each week in voice projection without the aid of a microphone. It will give you confidence.

The Introduction and the Conclusion

The introduction and the conclusion to your talk is most important. You have a message to give however short it may be. You want to bring this to the attention of your audience in a sincere and pleasing way with the hope that your message will be remembered. State your message in your introduction, embellish it in the body of your talk, repeat it in your conclusion.

Remember

The Lord is on your side. You are speaking for Him. Speak from the heart with humility and sincerity. Constantly prepare, study, read and think. It is a continual process. You will become more confident and your desire to participate will be greater.

Yes! You can give a talk and **you** can be a true ambassador of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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covenant" which he said they had broken. It leads men to "seek the Lord to establish his righteousness." It is literally, as Paul says, "the power of God unto salvation." (Rom. 1:16.)

For the purpose of saving mankind in this world, and in the world to come, the Lord revealed it anew in this dispensation through the Prophet Joseph Smith, Jun. Through him also the Lord, 135 years ago today, reestablished his Church, "... even The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" (D. & C. 115:4), commonly known as "the Mormon Church." This Church is the Lord's appointed custodian and legal administrator of the ordinances of his gospel.

If enough people will accept and live it, the troubles of the world will fade away as the hoarfrost before the burning rays of the rising sun. Our going forward backwards will be reversed, and the anxieties of our "affluent society" will diminish and cease.

RELIEF SOCIETY NEWS

Spiritual benefit

★ The Harrogate Branch sisters find Relief Society meetings a great source of spiritual benefit and we enjoy a great spirit of love and understanding among the sisters. We should like to take this opportunity of paying tribute to a very special sister in the branch who will be returning home in the States after serving a three-year mission at the Mission Home, Rossett Green, for her inspirational example and the love which she radiates. We shall miss Sister Sepp enormously when she goes in September. Sister Sepp is also extremely talented in Home Making and needlework.

The Sisters are looking forward to this convention as it is the first of its kind and they anticipate great benefit from the advice and talks which the Church Authorities will give, the more so as the Authorities will be there "in person." One of the brethren expressed the opinion that by the sisters attending this convention it will not only increase their qualities of motherhood but that on their return they will bring back into their homes the inspiration and joy experienced at the convention—we feel sure that this opinion is unanimous. Brother Avery Coleman who is our "Champion Dad" has nine children and whatever difficulties may

have arisen with regard to Sister Coleman being absent they must have been overcome as Sister Coleman will be attending. There are always difficulties about baby-sitting but we feel that the effort is always worth while."

Changed life

★ Sister Amerlia Hooper, a member of Hyde Park Ward, says my life has changed completely in the last seven months since two young missionaries came to my door — Elder Burton and Elder Whiting. They brought with them the message of the everlasting Gospel. I had been looking for the truth in the many churches and their message answered all my prayers.

I was baptised on October 8, 1966, and Elder Burton introduced me to Relief Society of the Hyde Park Ward just four days after my baptism. The sisters were sweet and kind and so full of the spirit of Relief Society—it was like being welcomed into a happy family. Now Relief Society has become so much a part of my life I feel I would be lost without the love and friendship the Sisters share together. The weekly lessons have helped to give me a better understanding of the Gospel. I really enjoy reading and digesting the excellent Relief Society Magazine, and studying the standard works of the Church. My blessings are many since I was baptised and only four months of being a member I was asked to take the Social Relations Lessons in Relief Society. What a wonderful privilege, and what great happiness has come to me from giving service in the Church. I am so thankful for the power that Relief Society has now in my life—helping to increase my talents, my knowledge and above all, my testimony.

I humbly bear my testimony that

this is the only true Church. I know our Heavenly Father is a loving, merciful father who loves us all. I know Jesus Christ is his Son and our Redeemer. I know too that Joseph Smith was a prophet and that President McKay is the Prophet of the Lord today. May we sisters of Relief Society strive to increase our testimonies by giving devoted service.

Sterling work

★ SISTER PHYLLIS GIBSON was born in 1927 in Liverpool, and joined the Church with her husband Peter in 1957. Shortly after they joined the Church they removed to Thurso in Scotland far away from any Church activity. Nothing daunted Brother and Sister Gibson held their own Sunday School with their two small sons Guy and Bill. On their return to Liverpool Sister Gibson was appointed as Dance Director to the MIA and also as Secretary/Treasurer to Relief Society. When the Branch divided in two, Sister Gibson became Relief Society President of Liverpool South, and when on the completion of the Chapel both Branches came together again Sister Gibson became MIA President, and is currently serving as District Counselor. Sister Gibson has a special interest in the six easels owned by the Liverpool Branch, as she rubbed and varnished them down to their present state week after week while she laboured with the other Church members on the building. Sister Gibson is an expert caterer, and tackles outdoor soup and sausages for the building workers right up to a sit-down dinner of three courses. Brother and Sister Gibson now have three other children added to the family: Peter, Heather and Julie, and as she is also responsible for the very glamorous flower displays

in the Chapel, and supports her husband who is Branch President in all his activities, Sister Gibson you will agree is a very busy sister — and capable sister indeed.

TESTIMONY OF WITNESS

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Here again is a man whom circumstance could have led to expose the whole facade of Mormonism had it been of false origin.

No comment is necessary, the reader can only draw one conclusion from the evidence given.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the only Church which bases its organisation on the same pattern and factors as the early Christian Church. Revelation, prophesy, eye-witnesses of events and unpaid ministry, led by twelve Apostles.

If we place ourselves in the jury box to make a decision in the case of the Book of Mormon witnesses, and base our judgement on the precedent of the witnesses in the early Christian church, plus the evidence of their character and later behaviour, we can hardly deny the truth of their testimony.

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Relief Society News

by

SISTER EDNA BYRNE

(as written by one of her Relief Society Sisters)

★ It was a very important day in the month of May, a few short years ago, that a baptism of a wonderful family took place. It was, in fact, the very day before their daughter's ninth birthday, that the Byrne family, two Missionaries (Elder Caly and Elder Howard), together with local Saints, travelled from Worcester to Kidderminster Branch. There, the waters of baptism were ready to accept President Thomas William and Edna Byrne, together with Anona; all three, on that day, made a covenant with the Lord. But what about the fourth member of the family—their son Vaughn? He was only six years

old and had not quite reached the years of accountability and did, therefore, receive a blessing by Elder Howard, as the Priesthood laid their hands upon the head of Vaughn.

It is very difficult to single this family out, for an article because they are four people who work for and support each other in all their assignments that the Church may gain full benefit of their labours. President Thomas W. Byrne is Second Councillor to the District President.

Since we write about Relief Society, we would like to tell you how Sister Byrne has become a very well loved



The Byrne family, Thomas, Edna, Anona and Vaughn.

and respected sister, not only in her own branch or district, but to brothers and sisters in many parts of the world, who have met her and to some who have only heard of her.

Her desire to serve has been proved by the long and unselfish hours she spends supporting the work in the Church, fulfilling Church requirements and above all upholding high gospel ideals.

There are many women who would have failed under the pressures she has to bear, but Sister Byrne comes back each time with the strong foundation of faith and testimony which she has, only to take everyone by the hand, and with her fine leadership, help them over the next hurdle.

Dedication

Through her ability, encouragement, enthusiasm and desire of progression for the members of the Church she has particularly raised the standard of Relief Society in our District. A brother, delivering his inspirational talk at a sacrament meeting was quoted as saying "Sister Byrne is one of the most dedicated people in the Church, I know". In her modesty, she replied by saying, "that is a challenge I must live up to". She certainly is modest, for when asked to write an article about herself for this page, she promptly handed over this assignment to the sisters!

Is there any wonder that she has been called to service in the Worcester Branch as a Chorister, Primary Teacher; Y.W.M.I.A. President; District Millennial Star Representative; District Chorister, District Relief Society President: including two years as a District Missionary, often carrying many callings at the same time. She also toured Great Britain and Ireland with the Singing Mothers.

There simply is not room to write

about all she does but although her life is busy, she successfully combines her Church activity with her mundane daily tasks. Even today she is magnifying her calling as our District Relief Society President and District Chorister for the Midlands West District, in which she sets us a fine example, gives encouragement and inspiration so that we might all truly be sincere and loyal sisters in Relief Society.

★ **Sister Laura Sinclair** has a very beautiful contralto voice which brings joy to all who hear her.

When she was a student nurse she went along with a friend who wanted to have her voice trained. Eventually the teacher asked Sister Sinclair to sing too and was so impressed that he made a condition that they both came for lessons. A compromise had to be made as Sister Sinclair was only earning £2 a week as a student nurse, but the lessons were started and proved enjoyable and successful for both pupil and teacher.

In 1947 Sister Sinclair sat for her S.R.N., the first part of her midwifery examination for Voice—A.L.C.M., and also got married—a crowded year indeed.

In 1948 she started to sing as guest artiste with the Cammell Laird Male Voice Choir and the Liverpool Cymic Vocal Union and also at many Charity functions throughout Liverpool. Later she sang with the Kirkdale Silver Prize Band and with brass band accompaniment for some years thus giving full play to the power and clarity of her voice.

Her elder son Gareth was born in 1958 and Malcolm in 1962. At this time her brother and his wife met the Elders of the Church and were baptised. They sent the Elders to Sister Sinclair's home and in 1965 she and Gareth were

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baptised within a month of each other. Unfortunately, Mrs. May, Sister Sinclair's mother did not approve of the church but one day her niece, Hazel, coaxed her to go and hear her daughter sing at a Conference at St. George's Hall, Liverpool } . Mrs. May met the Elders and now she and her niece are stalwart members of the Church. Hazel singing with her Aunt in the Mormon Manchester Choir which is to visit the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City in the Autumn.

Sister Sinclair is a full time District Nurse, and Relief Society President in the Liverpool branch. She sings as guest artiste at many concerts and as soloist with the Orrell Mandoliers as well as at many charity concerts and for the Old Age Pensioners. She finds she can fulfil many concert engagements with an easy mind as her mother is always ready to help with the two boys and through this invaluable assistance Sister Sinclair's fine voice brings pleasure to many people.

Sister Sinclair would like to thank all the people in the Church who have helped her to develop her many talents and have encouraged and supported her in all her efforts to further the cause of music in the Church.

★ **Sister Dorothy Shorracks** is the wife of President Herbert Shorrack, District President of the Preston District, and has been a member of the Church for forty-one years. During this time she has served twice as District Y.M.I.A. President, twice as District Relief Society President, has spent ten years as a Branch Relief Society President

and eighteen months as Educational Counsellor in the Manchester Stake Relief Society. As well as having taught in all four departments of Relief Society she has also taught in Sunday School and in Primary. When the British Mission Public Speaking and Teacher Training Programme was introduced in 1954 she was called as the instructor for the North End of the British Mission, now the Preston District.

Sister Shorracks served a full time proselyting Mission in Leeds, Bradford and Sheffield in 1936. Her travel abroad included India, Palestine, Egypt, Malta and Gibraltar where she lived for many years, and they have provided invaluable material for her many interesting talks which are always attended by a large and attentive audience. In 1958 she took a six months tour of America seeking landmarks in Church history and visiting old friends. She is a great lover of poetry and a talented writer with several published articles.

News extra

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

The first Quorum of Elders held their Annual General Meeting at the **Southend Chapel** on Friday, June 2nd.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ Pres. Mark E. Petersen dedicated the Aberdeen Chapel on May 1. Other speakers were: Sister Emma Marr Petersen; Pres. W. S. Black, branch president; Pres. E. J. Brown and his wife, mission president of the Scottish Mission. Also in attendance were Brother and Sister Hansen. Brother Hansen was the first building supervisor and worked on the building for a few years. The spirit during the service was wonderful. At 11 o'clock the same evening, Brother R. Robertson was baptised by Elder G. Hansen. His wife, Sister L. Robertson has been an active member for about twelve years.



★ From reports coming in from the Vale of Evesham area in the Central British Mission it now seems certain that the apple crops will be much lighter than usual, due in the main to unexpected late frosts. Here are a few recipes from the Vale of Evesham—where they really know their apples.

STEAMED APPLE PUDDING

$\frac{3}{4}$ lb. cooking apples

4 ozs. suet pastry

2 oz. sugar

1. Take two-thirds of the suet pastry and roll out to line a greased basin.
2. Slice apples with a medium cut and add sugar.
3. Damp top edge of pastry lining and cover with remaining pastry, sealing well.
4. Seal basin with aluminium foil.
5. Steam for $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours.

Serve: Hot with custard or cream.

BAKED APPLES

4 tablespoons water

4 cooking apples

1 oz. butter

4 teaspoons demerara sugar

1. Wash and dry apples and cut a circle around the skin
2. Remove core and place apples on baking tin adding water.
3. Fill hollow core with sugar, topping with a knob of butter.
4. Bake in middle of oven 355° or Regulo 4 until tender, $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 hour depending on size.

Serve: Hot or cold with cream or ice-cream.

APPLE CHARLOTTE

4 oz. sugar

1 lb. cooking apples

Rind and juice of 1 lemon

3 oz. fresh breadcrumbs

$1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. margarine

1. Melt margarine and add to breadcrumbs.
2. Squeeze lemon and grate rind into mix.
3. Peel apples and slice thinly
4. Grease pie dish and layer alternately apples and mixture ending with breadcrumb mix.
5. Bake until brown on top shelf, 380° or Regulo 5, 30 minutes.

Serve: With custard.



VERMONT DISPLAY OPENED, OTHERS PROGRESSING

★ The formal opening of the new display buildings at the Joseph Smith Memorial in Sharon, Vermont, was held early in June and termed a great success by Elder Boyd K. Packer, Assistant to the Council of Twelve Apostles, and president of the New England Mission.

Numerous local and state dignitaries were on hand for the opening, President Packer reports, and the Memorial was given excellent coverage by the New England news media.

Meanwhile, work is moving ahead on the numerous other displays around the nation. Exhibits have been installed, or are in the making for temple bureaus in Los Angeles, Oakland, Hawaii, St. George, Manti, Logan, Idaho Falls, and Mesa; plus the Hill Cumorah, Joseph Smith Home, Martin Harris Home, Peter Whitmer Home, Sacred Grove, Liberty Jail, Carthage Jail, West Yellowstone, Mack's Inn in Idaho, and Alaska Centennial in Fairbanks and the Eastern States Mission home in New York City.

The Church is also preparing a display for Hemisfair 68, scheduled for six months next year in San Antonio, Texas. We will have our own building in the fair. Coincidentally, Hemisfair 68 starts on April 6, the anniversary of the church's organization. Some seven to eight million are expected to attend.

TEMPLE SQUARE VISITORS CENTER PROGRESS

★ Visitors to Salt Lake City this summer are learning of the Church, its doctrine and history via a battery of fine quality displays in the modern new Visitors Center on historic Temple Square.

Many of the murals, dioramas and statuary utilized so successfully in the Mormon Pavilion at the 1964-65 New York World's Fair have been installed, and many more have been commissioned specifically for the new center.

Some of the standout displays include a striking diorama of the Prophet Joseph Smith's vision in the Sacred Grove by Alanson Spencer; the majestic "Christus" statue in the rotunda, surrounded by a mural depicting the universe; classic paintings by noted artists Harry Anderson and Ken Riley, including Christ ordaining the twelve apostles, Joseph Smith receiving the plates of the Book of Mormon from Moroni, and Peter, James and John restoring the Melchizedek Priesthood.

The Center also includes murals on the life of Christ, the history of the Church in the latter days, the falling away of the primitive church and the restoration.

Thousands of visitors daily are being exposed to the gospel through these impressive displays and the testimonies of the Temple Square guides.

MIA JUNE CONFERENCE IN NEWS SPOTLIGHT

★ The annual Conference of the Mutual Improvement Association of the Church received coast-to-coast news coverage this year through the two top wire services in the country.

Representatives of both The Associated Press and United Press International attended the conference in Salt Lake City. Their coverage of the youth meet, its roadshows and dance festival, reached virtually every daily newspaper in the country.

With the two major wire services and the co-operation of the local news media in Salt Lake City, events of the 1967 June Conference undoubtedly reached many people more than has any previous conference.

A pre-conference mailing of information on the conference preceded the decision of the wire services to send representatives to the conference.

George Cornell, religion writer for the Associated Press, attended, as did Maggie Bellows of United Press International, and Dan Thrapp, religion editor of the Los Angeles Times and the L. A. Times News Services.

HILL CUMORAH PAGEANT SET

★ The 30th Anniversary production of the Hill Cumorah Pageant, "America's Witness for Christ," will be staged on the spacious slope of the Hill Cumorah, Monday through Saturday, July 24-29. Admission is free and curtain time is 9.15 p.m. nightly.

Information packets have been produced and distributed to hundreds of newspapers, television and radio stations, and to a number of magazines and other media.

With the pageant run extended to six nights this year, officials of the Cumorah Mission expect an all-time record attendance.

PROMISED VALLEY PRODUCTION UNDER WAY

★ The two-month run of "Promised Valley," musical drama based on the westward trek of the early Mormon pioneers, got under way Saturday, July 1, before a capacity audience in the new Temple View Outdoor Theatre.

The impressive new theater east of Temple Square proved a fitting location for the debut of what is hoped will become a tradition. "Promised Valley" is to be presented nightly except Sundays through July and August.

The show is produced by the Mutual Improvement Associations of the Church, and directed by Ralph Margetts. The play was written by Arnold Sundgaard and the musical score is by Dr. Crawford Gates, who is serving as musical conductor during the play's first weeks.

Admission to the show is free. It is being presented primarily for the benefit and entertainment of visitors to Salt Lake City, rather than local members of the Church.

Colour programmes, posters and bumper stickers promoting the show have been produced by Church Information Service.

THOUGHTS FOR NOW

Tithings

★ Tithing should not be given with a selfish end in view. A man who pays tithing just to keep his name on the record will receive his reward, of course; he will have his name on the record. "Verily, he hath his reward," as the man who prayed to be seen and heard of men. But he who gives because he loves to help others and to further the cause of righteousness, who give cheerfully with thanksgiving in his heart, also has his reward; for in giving he is really obtaining. In losing his life for Christ's sake, he finds it.

—President David O. McKay

A firm principle

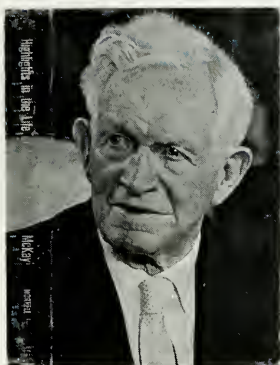
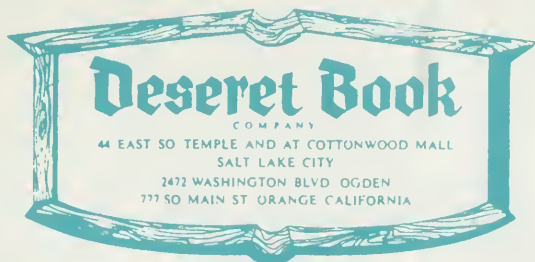
The Law of Tithing A Test. The law of tithing is a test by which the people as individuals shall be proved. Any man who fails to observe this principle shall be known as a man who is indifferent to the welfare of Zion, who neglects his duty as a member of the Church, and who does nothing toward the accomplishment of the temporal advancement of the kingdom of God. He contributes nothing, either, toward spreading the gospel to the nations of the earth, and he neglects to do that which would entitle him to receive the blessings and ordinances of the gospel.

—Joseph F. Smith

A false doctrine

There were two men; one paid one hundred dollars in tithing, the other paid twenty-five dollars in tithing. Both of them owned about the same amount of property; but the first paid his tithing, the other did not. The second, however, paid some seventy-five dollars in donations; but he did not pay his tithing; he only paid a quarter of it. That now may have arisen from ignorance with regard to the law. The last paid out as much money as the first; and he may have been wrongly taught. Some of the bishops do not understand these things, and yet we have had this doctrine given unto us for forty-two years. Has a man a right to turn and change things as he pleases? I have not, and I do not believe any other man has. And if any bishop or a president of a stake or anybody else tells you that you can do as you please about the disposition you make of the means you pay, as long as you pay a certain amount, or you may pay it on tithing or not, as you please, I tell you that he teaches false doctrine.

—John Taylor



"Highlights in the Life of President David O. McKay"

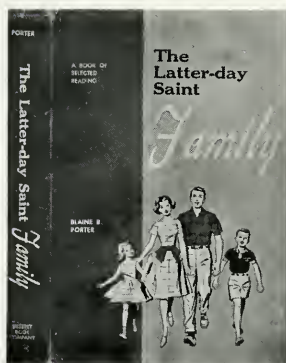
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OBITUARY

★ **Pauline Tacey**, aged 24 years, of the **Colwyn Bay Branch** died at her home on June 19th.

Sister Tacey had suffered from Rheumatoid Arthritis for some years, but managed to attend conferences and M.I.A. gatherings in her wheel chair. During her illness her ready smile and undaunted spirit were an inspiration to all who met her. The funeral service was conducted by Rhyl Branch President W. Shortle, and many members from Rhyl attended.

★ **Ronald W. Moxon** of the **Leeds Ward**, passed away after a long illness on July 2nd. Brother Moxon inspired many with his cheerfulness and fortitude during the latter part of his illness when he was confined to bed. He had a glowing testimony of the Gospel which will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

NO TIME

There is much I would like to remember,
Of the things that are passing me by,
But my life is so full of "endeavours"
I can't even stop and try.
There's digging to be done in the garden
For the flowers that grow in the spring,
But I'm so busy making "resolutions"
That I've really . . . not done a thing.
The summer has come real early,
For the things that I have wanted to do,
And soon there will be the autumn,
And again . . . I haven't a clue.
Winter comes in like a lion,
And I am certainly not prepared.
Do you think our Lord is too busy
To come to this home that we've shared?
I'm sure he will be here with us always,
To hear our praise and our prayers
So I really must get moving
And "do" those things I've prepared.

DOREEN L. LUCAS

Hayes Branch, Watford District,
British South Mission

Millennial Star Short Story Contest

★ To stimulate creative writing among members of the Church in Great Britain, the Millennial Star is conducting a short story contest. Members of the Church are invited to enter their work in this contest which opens in July and which will close on November 1, 1967. After the entries are judged, the top three stories will be published in the Millennial Star. The Millennial Star reserves the right to publish from time to time any of the other stories entered in the contest. All entries will become the property of the Millennial Star but will be returned.

RULES FOR THE CONTEST

1. This contest is open to all members of the Church in Great Britain.
2. Only one story may be submitted by each contestant.
3. The story must not exceed 3,000 words in length and preferably be typed.
4. The contestant's name is not to appear anywhere on the manuscript, but a cover sheet on which is written the contestant's name and address is to be enclosed with the story attached, preferably by staple.
5. A signed statement should accompany each story submitted certifying:
 - a. That the author is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
 - b. That it has not been published. That it is not in the hands of an editor or other person with a view to publication and that it will not be published nor submitted elsewhere for publication until the contest results are published.
6. No explanatory material or picture is to accompany the story.

JUDGING

The judges shall consist of the Managing Editor of the Millennial Star and two members of the Board of Directors of the Deseret Enterprises.

In evaluating the stories, consideration will be given to the following points:

- a. Characters and their presentation.
- b. Plot development.
- c. Message of the story and compliance with LDS standards.
- d. Writing style.

All entries are to be addressed to Millennial Star Short Story Contest, Deseret Enterprises, 288 London Road, Mitcham, Surrey, England.

Certificates will be presented to all who submit stories. Special certificates of merit will be given to first, second and third place winners.



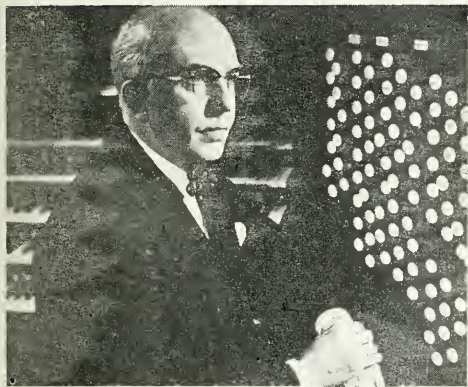
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—Joseph Smith

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